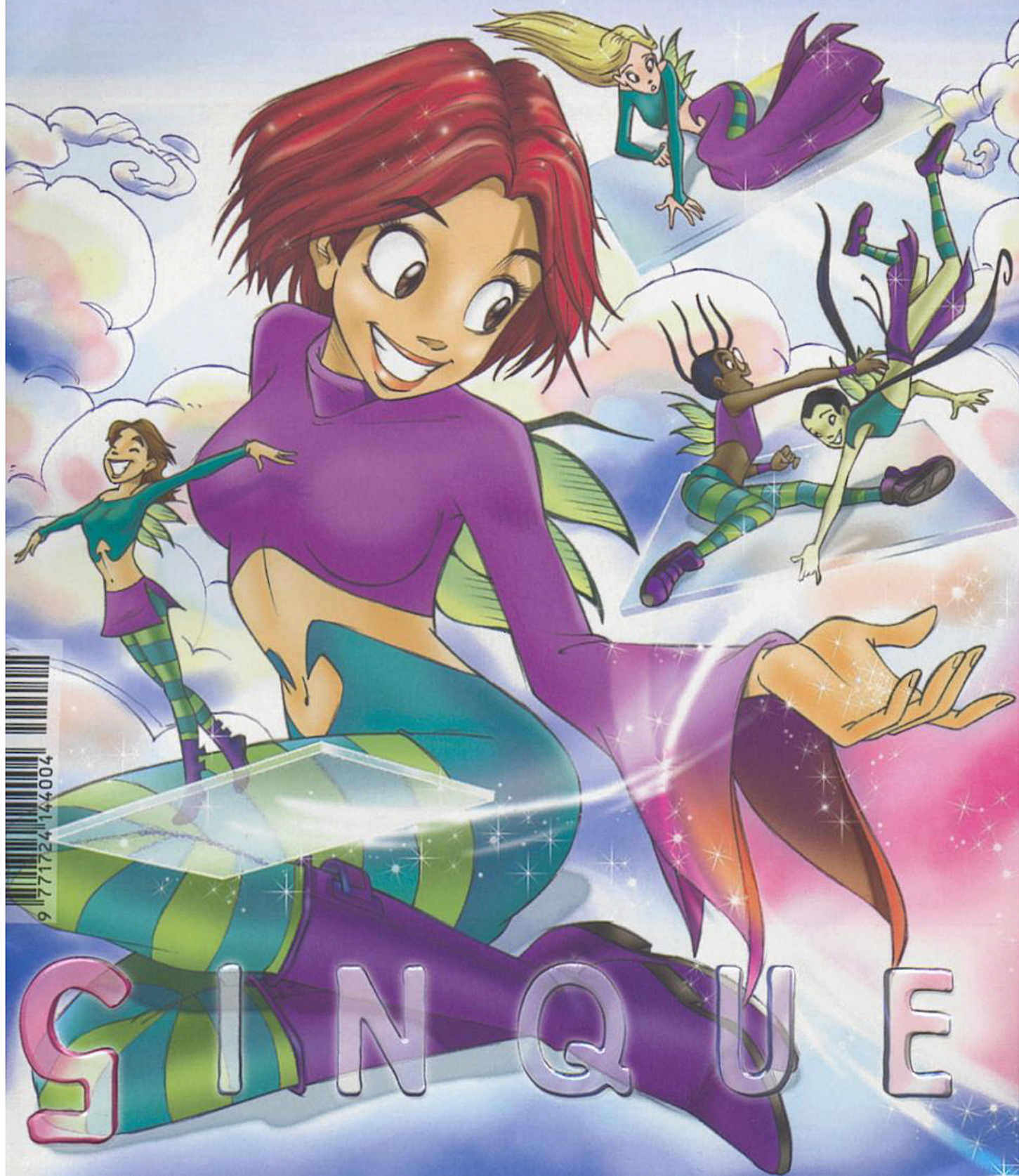


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The Fortress.

To the center of
the gray immensity,
she shines as a star
in the night of the
infinite universe.

His light protects the
honest ones. She reinfor-
ces the courageous ones.
Moves pain and evil away.

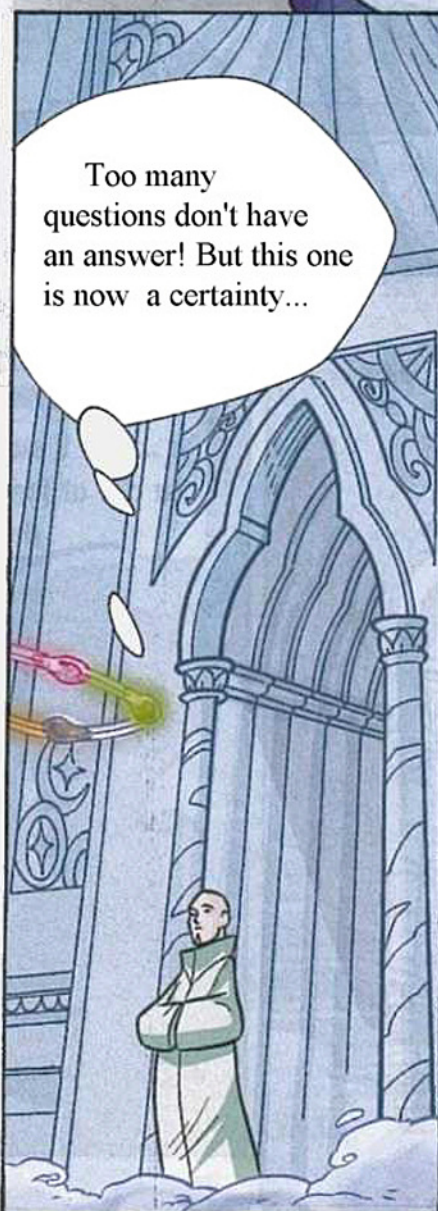
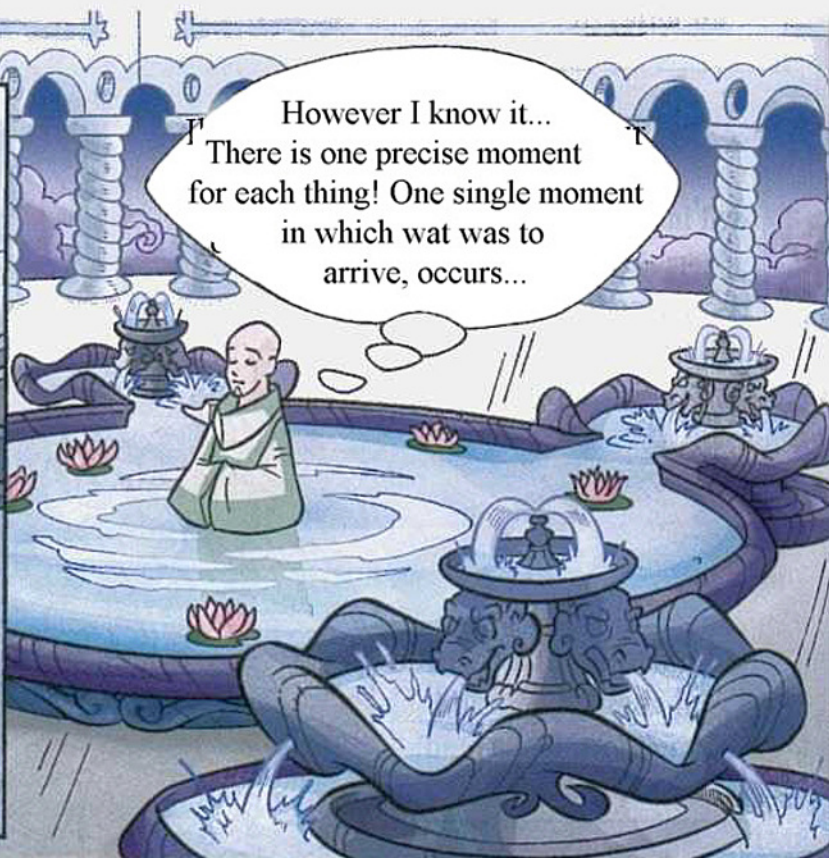
Its eyes saw beyond each
border without a glance.

Its mouths without voice carry
words nobody ever heard of.

It's Kandarakar.
For all, a place
out of time...

...but the Oracle knows that until
the end no one escapes from time.

The moment has
arrived! I knew it...
I always knew
it...



It's sunday in Heatherfield. A quiet day for the entire city...

...except for the Lair residence, perhaps...

I told you... It's the last possibility!

Then I'm annoyed...

You won't succeed lighting the barbecue by threatening it, darling...

It's doing it on purpose, Anna! It ridicules me in front of everyone!

I... I have everything under control! Soon we're eating!

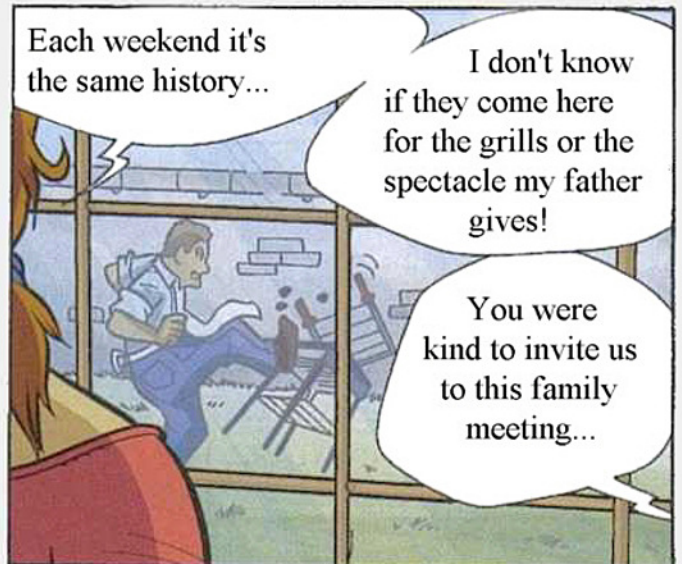
What? You always have problems with fire, Tom?

Thank you, cousin! It's fine I can count on you in difficult times!



It would be better to order pizza's, darling! The children start to be hungry!

I know! I know! I KNOW!



Each weekend it's the same history...

I don't know if they come here for the grills or the spectacle my father gives!

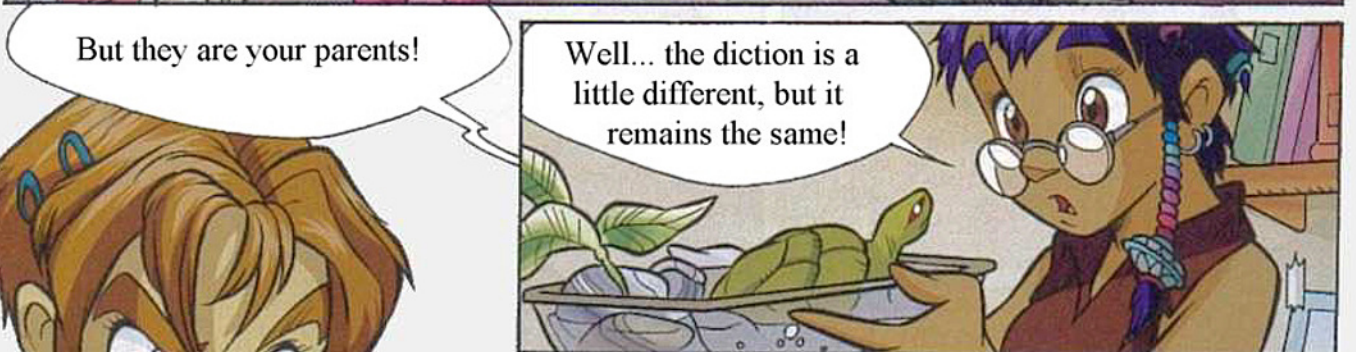
You were kind to invite us to this family meeting...



No, I didn't do it to be nice!

And why then?

Because it's not right that I would be the only one to suffer!



But they are your parents!

Well... the diction is a little different, but it remains the same!



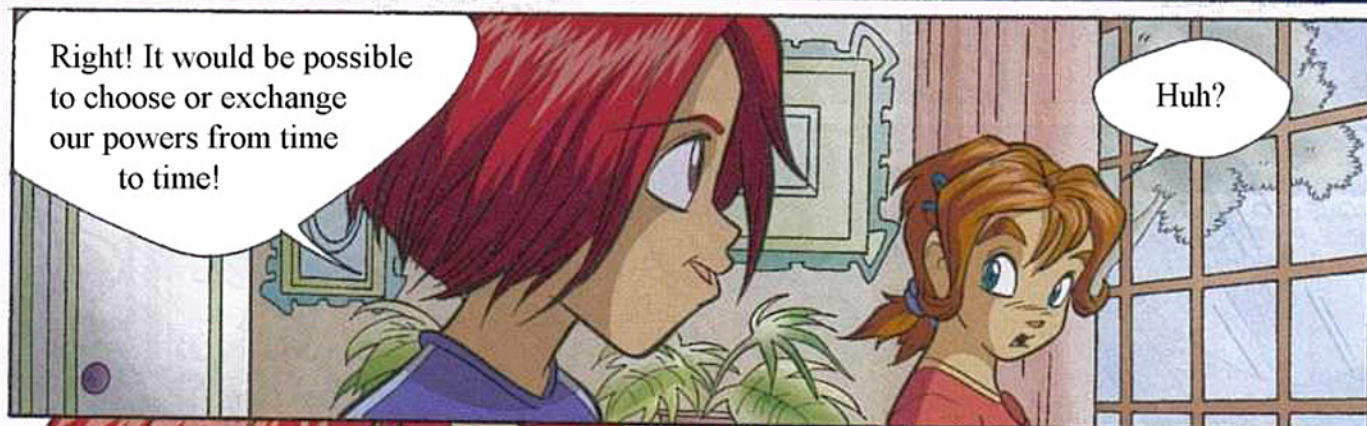
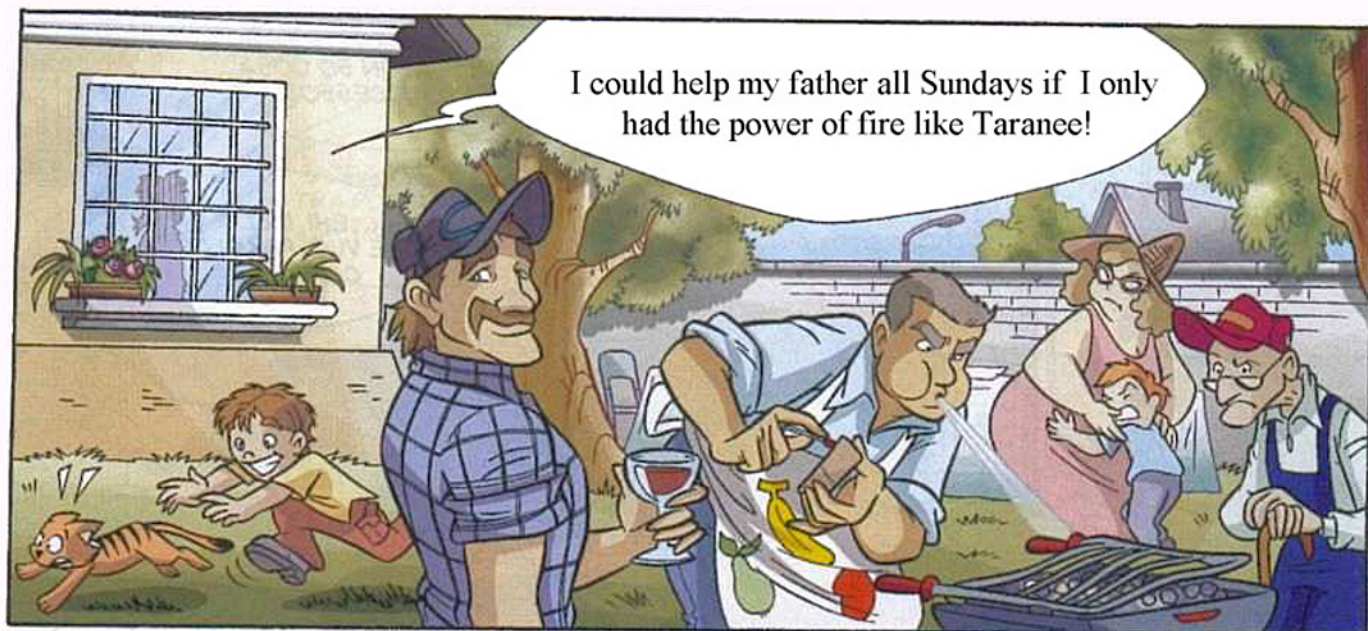
You've understood the concept anyway!

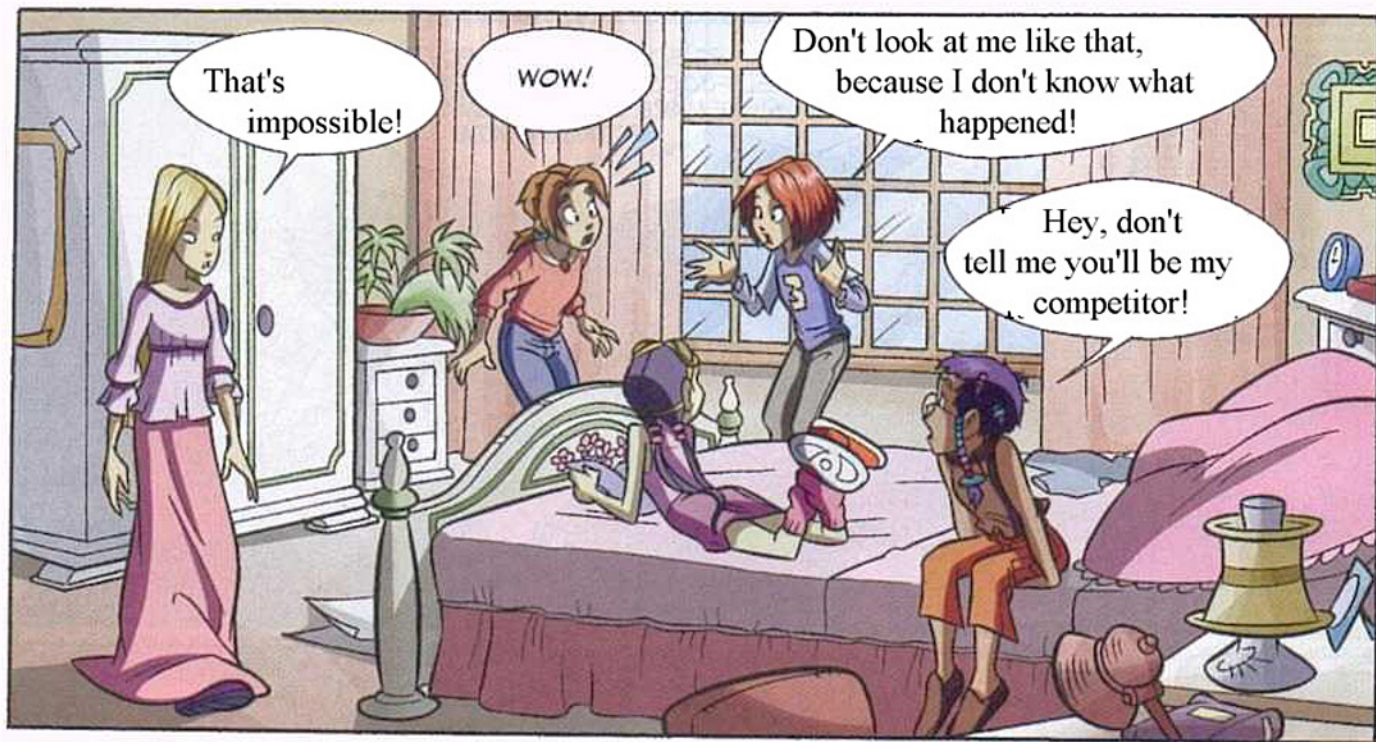
Your reasoning is like the skirts of Cornelia! They don't make a fold!

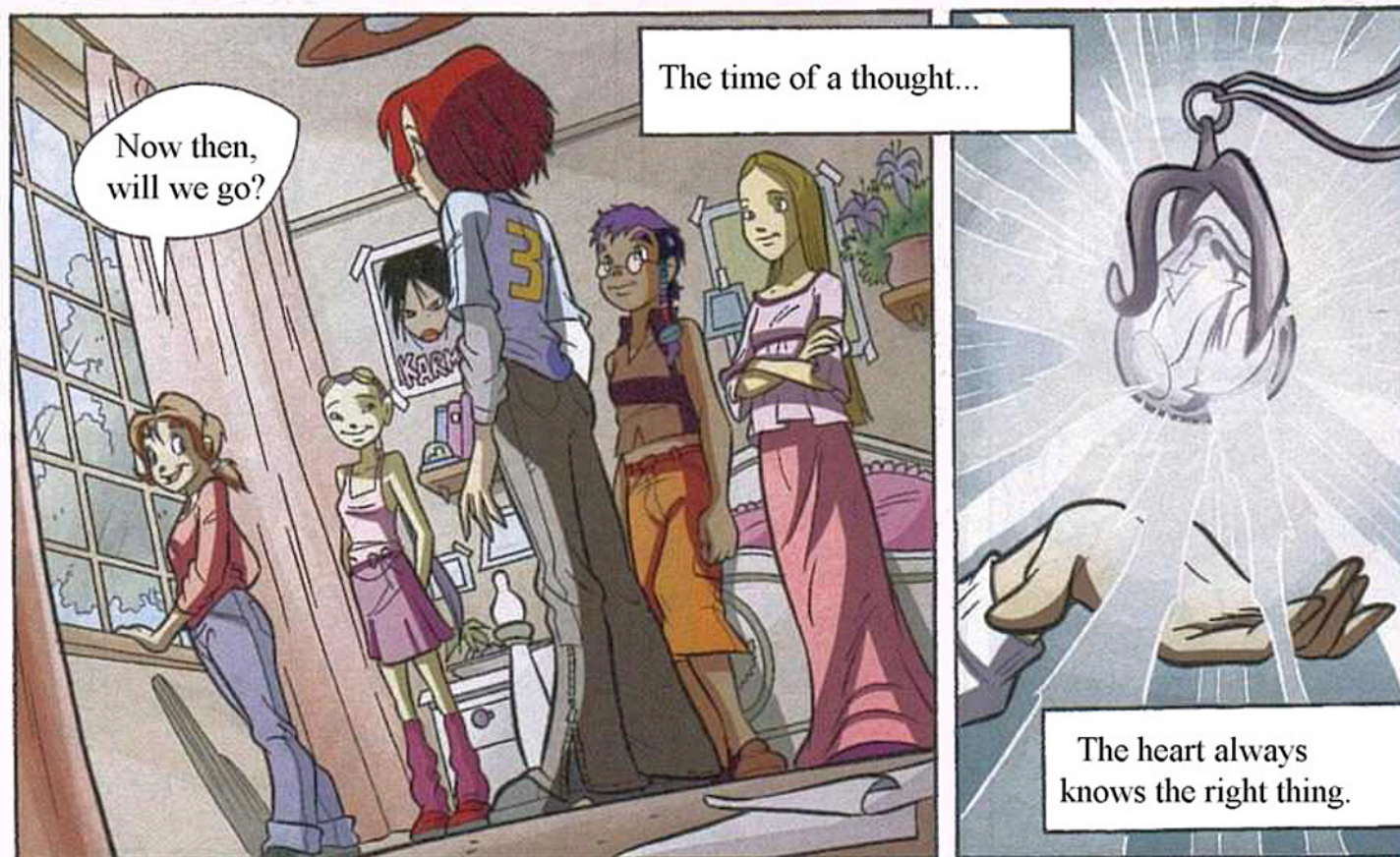
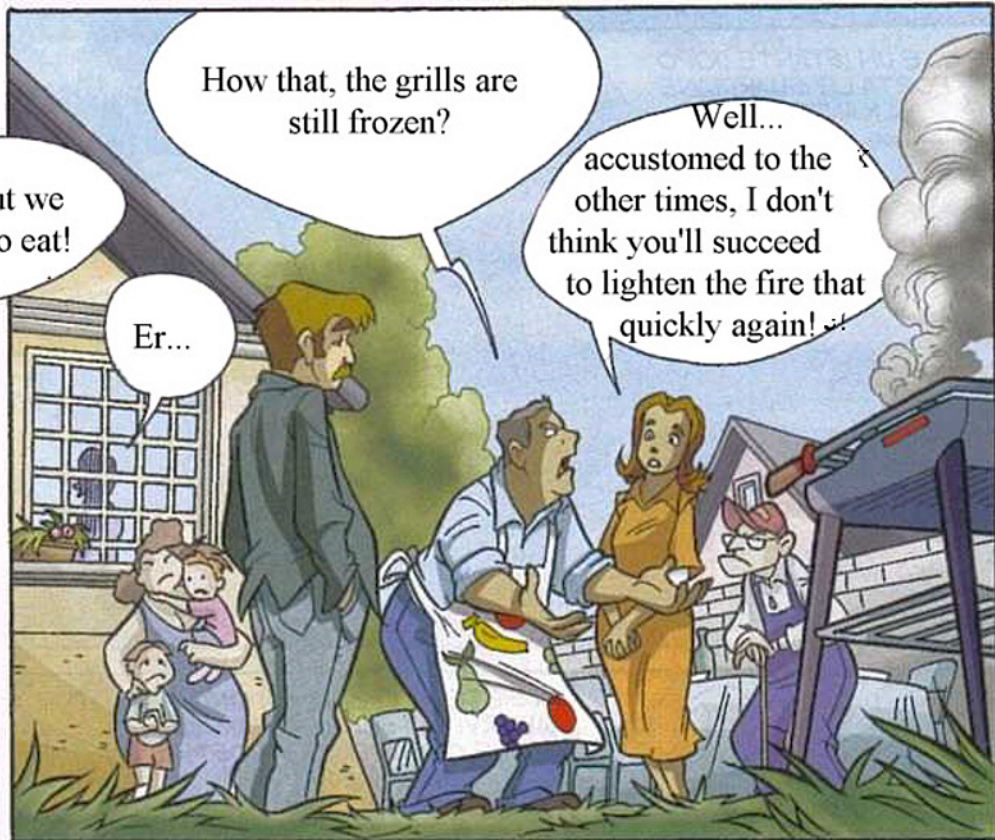


Ha ha ha!

But you are my friends! Like one says: one for all, all for one... that no one brings harm to anybody!

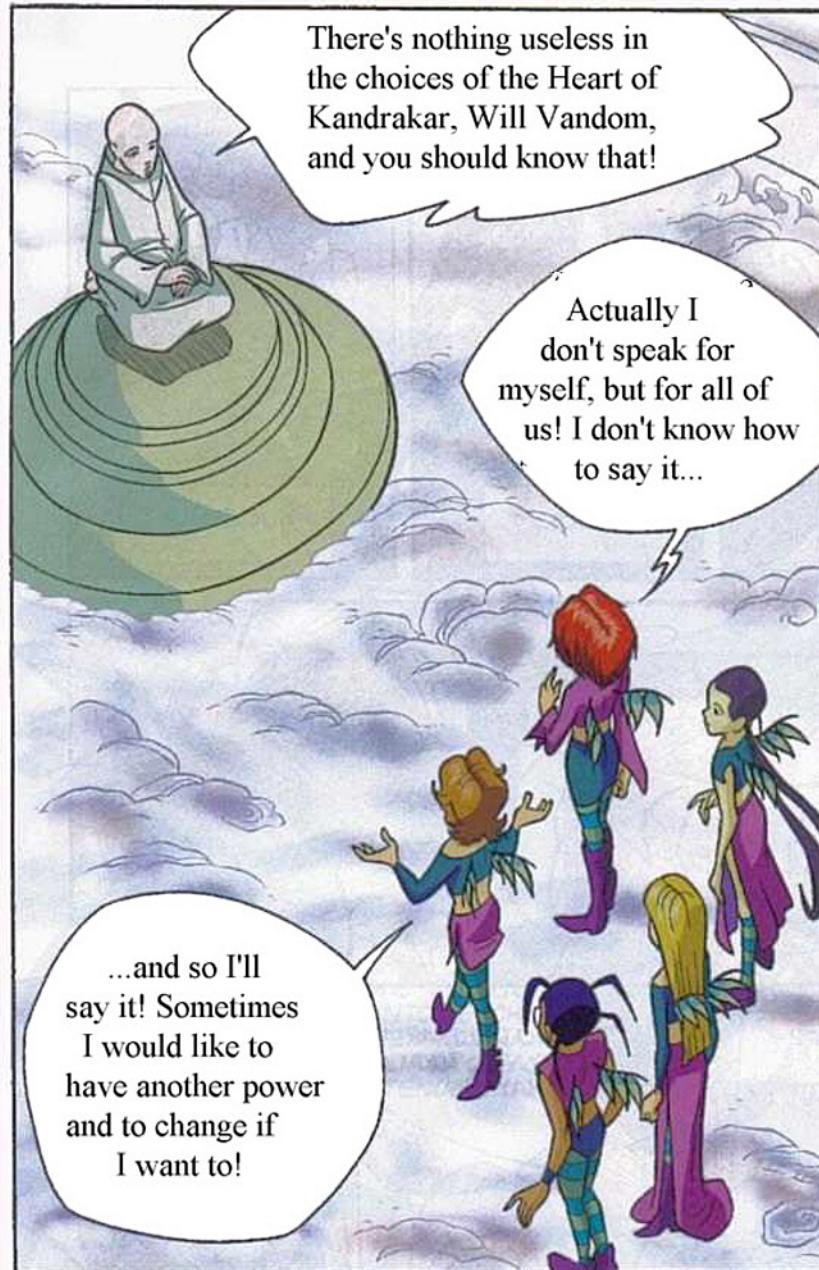






...a moment later the Whitches arrive at Kandrakar!

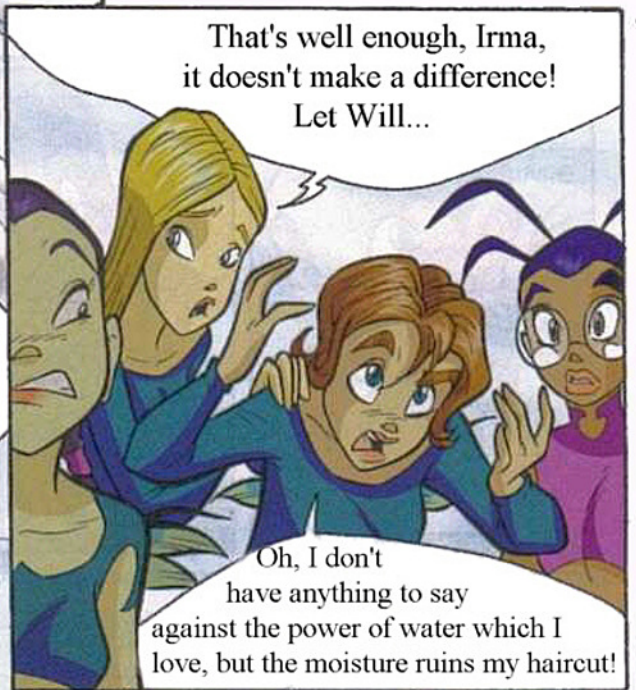




There's nothing useless in the choices of the Heart of Kandarakar, Will Vandom, and you should know that!

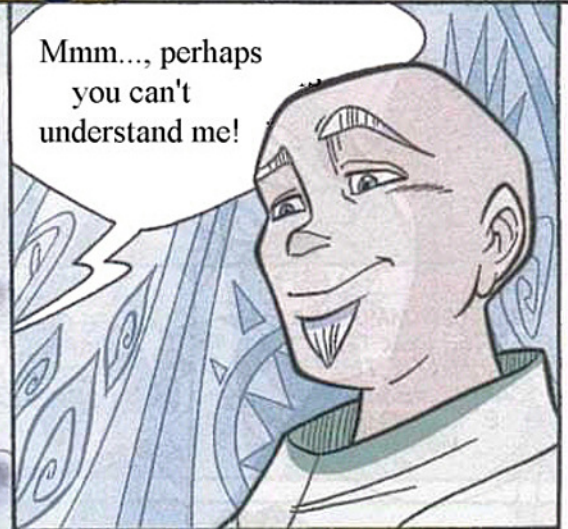
Actually I don't speak for myself, but for all of us! I don't know how to say it...

...and so I'll say it! Sometimes I would like to have another power and to change if I want to!



That's well enough, Irma, it doesn't make a difference! Let Will...

Oh, I don't have anything to say against the power of water which I love, but the moisture ruins my haircut!



Mmm..., perhaps you can't understand me!

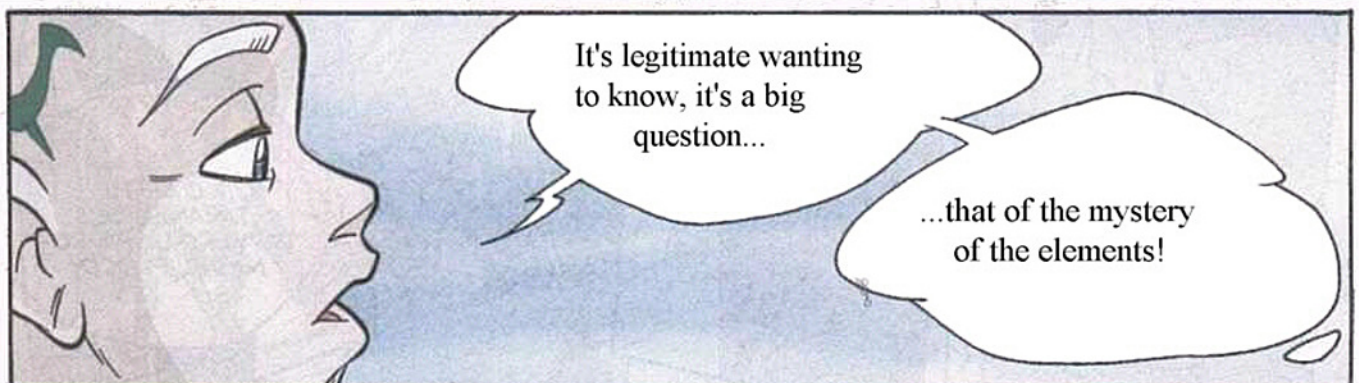


PFFFT...

MPFFFF!

Oh, my God!

Ehm... as I said to you, it's only a curiosity on an odd thing which occurred today.



It's legitimate wanting to know, it's a big question...

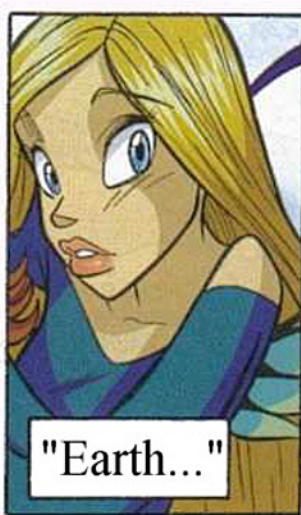
...that of the mystery of the elements!



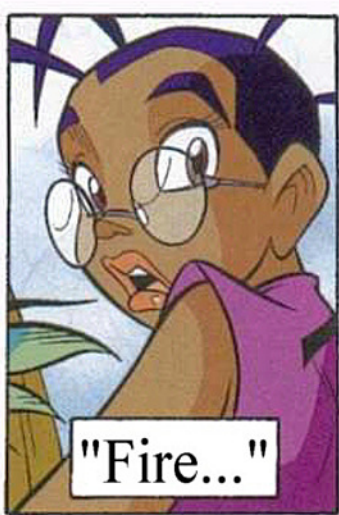
"Air..."



"Water..."



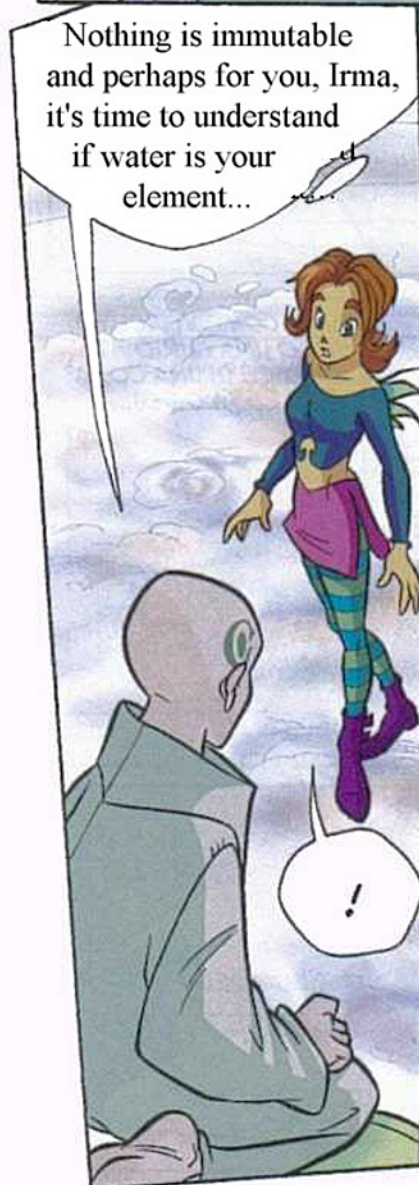
"Earth..."



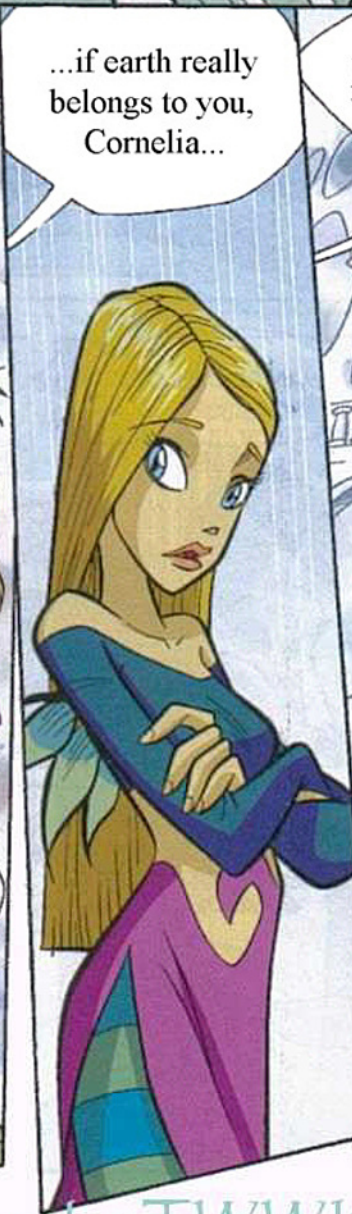
"Fire..."



So even only one of you feels
in oneself a call, she must
follow this call at any moment!



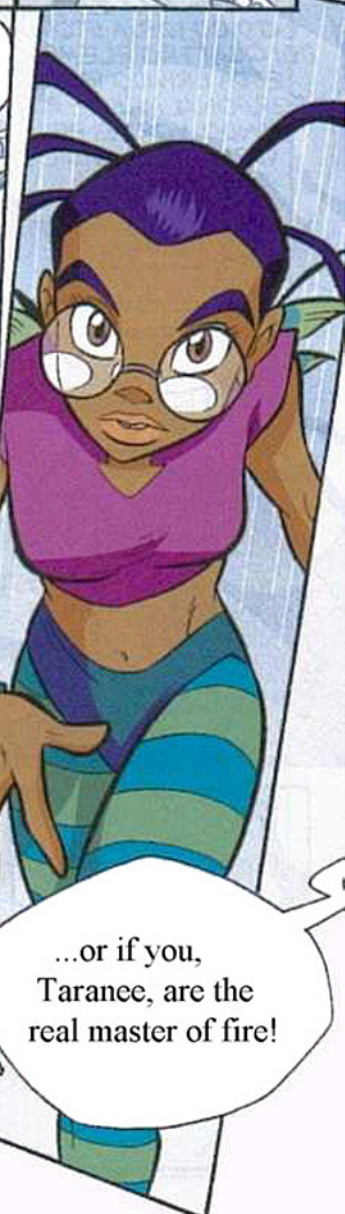
Nothing is immutable
and perhaps for you, Irma,
it's time to understand
if water is your
element...



...if earth really
belongs to you,
Cornelia...



...if the mark of the air
is really your destiny,
Hay Lin...



...or if you,
Tarance, are the
real master of fire!

To know that you will have to get insight of yourselves, even measure yourselves! You will have to pass the test!

I just knew it would turn out like that!

What's the problem, are you impatient? You have to work to obtain the great results!

There's no questioning! the grills will get burned if we don't arrive...

IRMA!

Okay, I'll keep quiet!

Then follow me if it interests you!

You can't say anything here whatever happens!

Approach, Guardians... This is the hall of the auras!

It is here that the purest essence of your powers is preserved...





In that case it's needed to proceed like that!

Yes, but how?

You all go to the passage of memories! There you will know what to do! This chart will guide you...

RRRANK

Good luck, Guardian! I'm certain that you will be able to make the right choice!

The room of the auras! The passage of memories! Why isn't there a normal name over here?

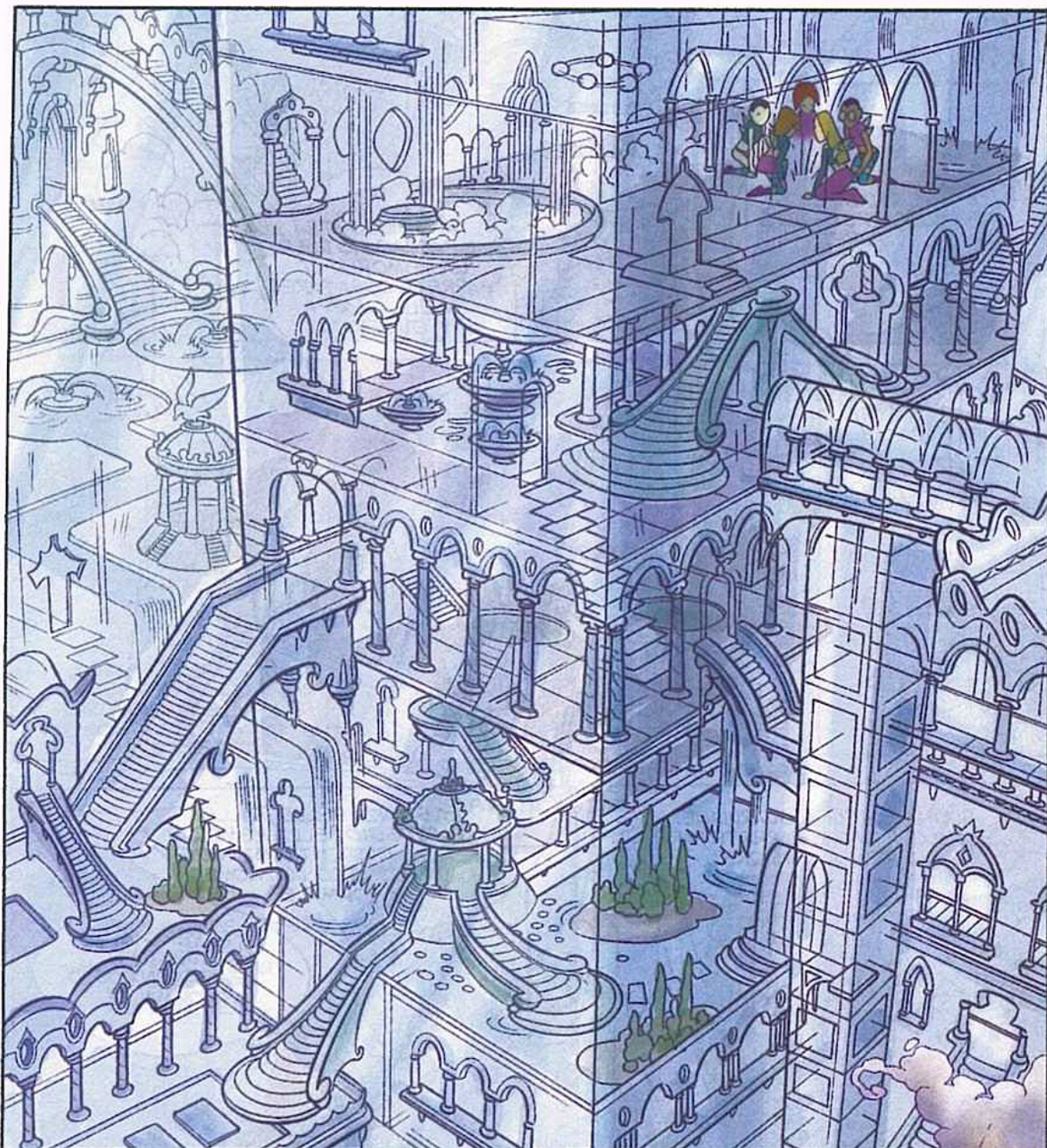
Why do you think it's normal out here?

KREEEENK

Hurry! I'm really curious to know where we are!

Wait one moment and you will discover it...





But that's us
over there!

A different way
to tell
"You are here"!

And that there must
be our goal!

In an unreal silence the echo of the steps of five witches resounds in the immense corridors of the fortress...



Stages and staircases cross by, creating a labyrinth without end...



...a course where the rules the girls know have no value anymore...

Whoah! Sooner or later I have to take a camera with me when I come here!



That seems to be a good idea to me, Irma! In the schools' newspaper your photographs will make a great impression!

Look at these frescos, girls! Or perhaps these are mosaics?



Look out!



WHOPS!



You should look where you put your feet!

Y-yes!

Well... just say we have arrived!



This here is the passage of memories!
And these images which cover the walls...

...represent the history of Kandarakar, Will!

...past, history, memories...



But who's speaking?
Who are you?

Do you know the Guardians before you? And what Kandarakar is?

We are only one being, Cornelia!
We are the fortress, Cornelia...

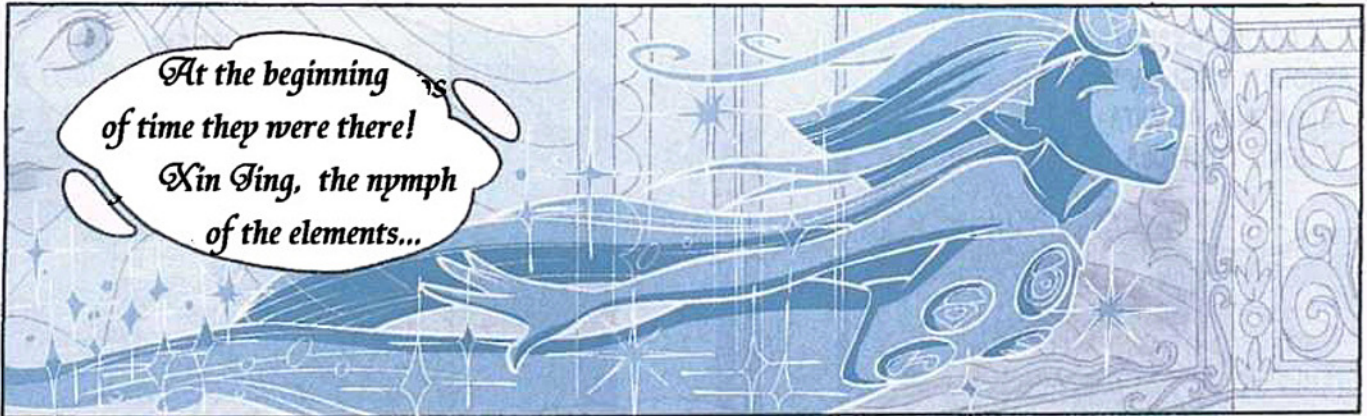
...and only one voice because we are with too many to speak to you...

We know the legend of the four dragons and the nymph Xin Jing...



Oh... That's just a legend... But like all legends, it has a part of truth!

Xin Jing...
One of the five nymphs who created each thing... One of the five absolute beings...



At the beginning
of time they were there!
Xin Jing, the nymph
of the elements...



Oneide,
the nymph of life...

Géa,
the nymph of
the sun...

Ebla,
the nymph of the
moon...

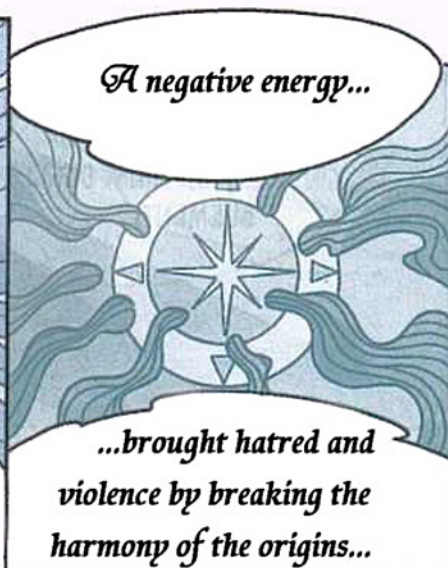
...and finally N'ghala,
the nymph of the stars!

The five absolute beings took care of the continuous changing worlds...



and they remained spectators of these places where evil didn't arrive!

A negative energy...

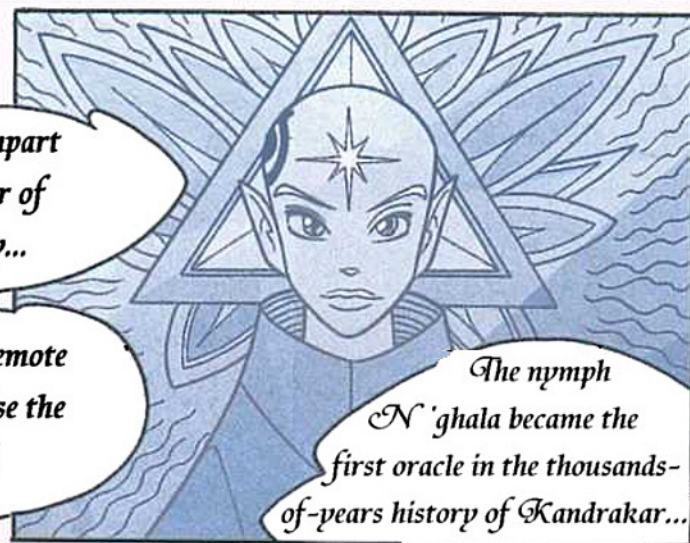


...brought hatred and violence by breaking the harmony of the origins...

...to combat these negative energies the five supreme beings created the fortress of Kandarakar...

A rampart in the center of infinity...

...a magic and remote place to supervise the universe!



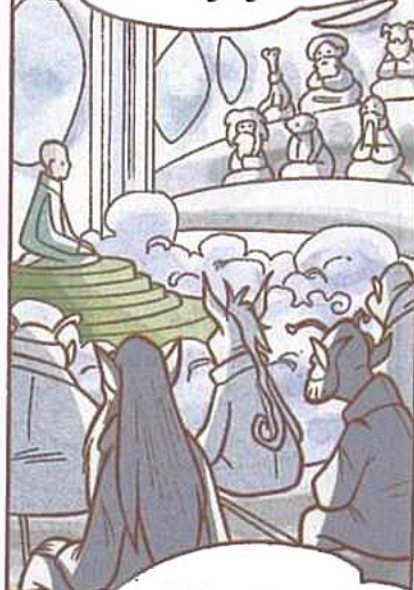
The nymph N'ghala became the first oracle in the thousands-of-years history of Kandarakar...

Inside the wise ones and the scientists gathered... the best of each world...



...powerful and higher entities called to take care of the worlds!

The balance of the worlds on which Kandarakar took care was guaranteed by the Congregation...



Never the evil would dominate this reality! Never freedom and peace would have been lost...

*And for any
shade and each
threat which
encounters, the fortress
won't remain
passive!*

*That's why N'ghala
created the Guardians of
Kandrakar...*

*...Guardians with exceptional
powers, which brought the justice
of the fortress everywhere
there was need for it!*

*In the beginning, there
were only two... not enough
to control the powers of
the Heart of
Kandrakar!*

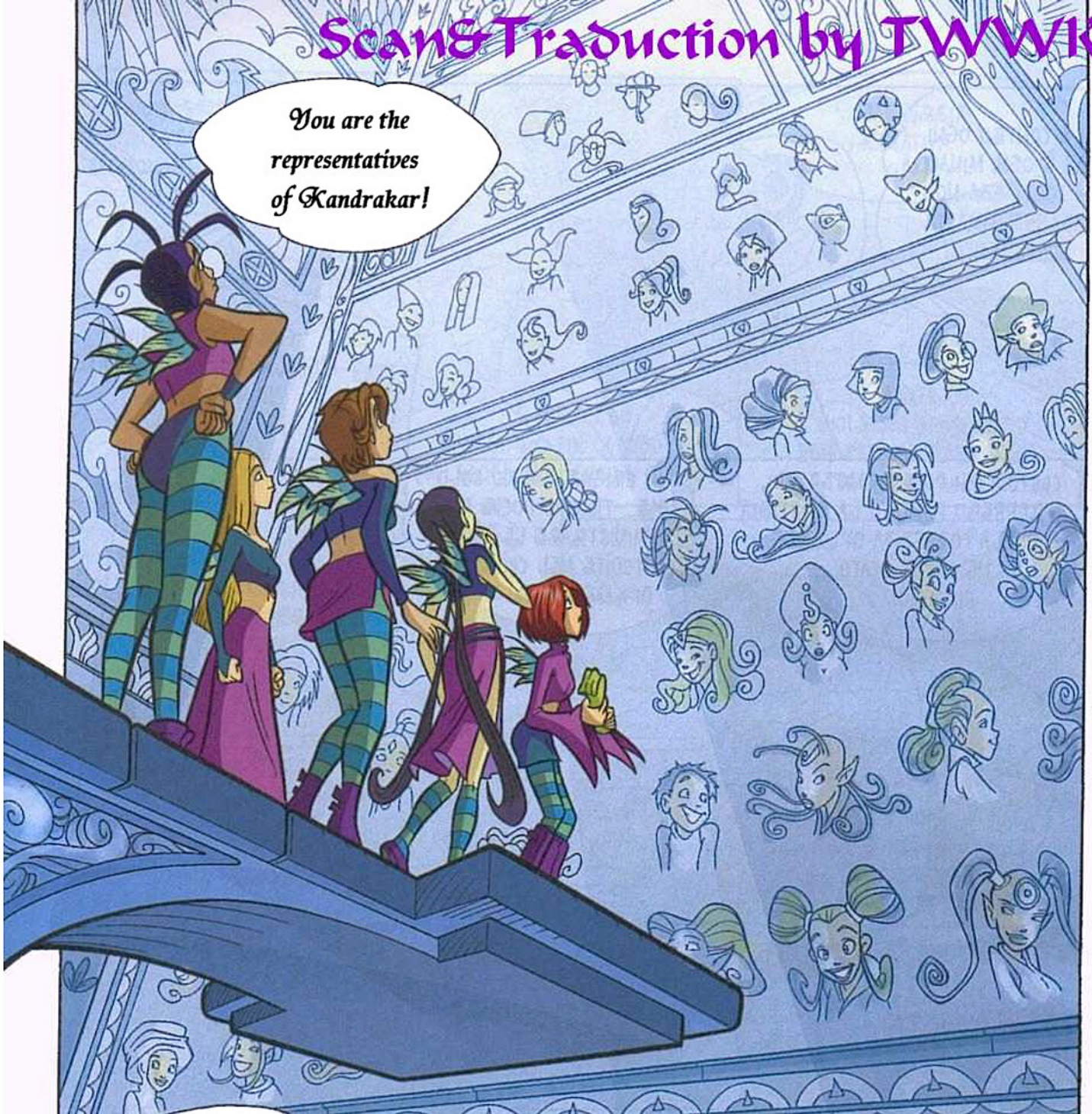
*Then they became three...
then four...*

Many preceded you...

*At the end
N'ghala understood five was
the perfect number...*

*The incident of
Nerissa didn't renounce what
had been decided...*

*...and you are the
proof that this was the best
possible choice!*



*You are the
representatives
of Kandrakar!*

*Now you are here to make
a choice!*

*None of the
Guardians who preceded
you ever dared...*

*...but since the
Oracle proposed this
possibility to you, it means
you have the right to!*

*Mmm... very
nice of him!*



Then which do you want?

Have you decided yet?

What will be your new power... Irma Lair?

See... I knew he would begin with me...

I... I believe that...

I would like to dominate the power of fire! After all that water I need something much drier!



Is this the only reason which brings you to the force of the flame?

There's also the reason of my father's barbecue...



What do you say?

Ehm... nothing! I didn't say anything!



And you, Taranee Cook... which will be your new power?

That of the air, undoubtedly!

Which will be your new power, Hay Lin?

Well... I would like to have the power of earth!

There isn't much left, Cornelia Hale!

I leave the earth to my friend! With your permission, I would like to control the power of water! Perhaps that I learn how to tame the waves!

Well...

You finally decided...

...and thus it is the moment to put you to the test...

TARANEE!

SHIINTZ

Therefore, a Cornelia and Taranee, you go to the Tower of Ice!

...the new Guardian of air will not be alone...

!

SHIINTZ



TO WHERE HAVE YOU TAKEN THEM? WHATS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

Making a choice is not enough. A power you must be able to use ...

You have to deserve it ...

Prove yourself worthy ...

YIKES!

SHIIINTZ

And that's what your friends have to do right now!

Because this is their only opportunity!

Watch closely, Will.

THE SCENE HAS CHANGED! BUT WHAT HAPPENS TO MY FRIENDS!?

The tower of ice is challenging them ...

It's the cold ... It's the hurting wind ... It's the piercing ice ...

The tower knows a thousand ways to fight the one who enters ...

Many have entered out of curiosity or bad luck, searching for a way out.

WOOO

WOOOSH

Maybe your friends will be the first ones to make it?





WHY WOULD YOU DO THIS? THEY COULD HAVE BEEN HURT! THIS IS TOO DANGEROUS!

Nobody said that it was not. They wanted to grapple with ...

Don't you trust your friends?

Yet, they seemed very brave and determined before!

... the roughest way, and these are the obstacles they have to cross!

WHERE ARE THE OTHERS? WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO IRMA & HAYLIN?

The guardians of the earth and the fire have been recieved in the park!

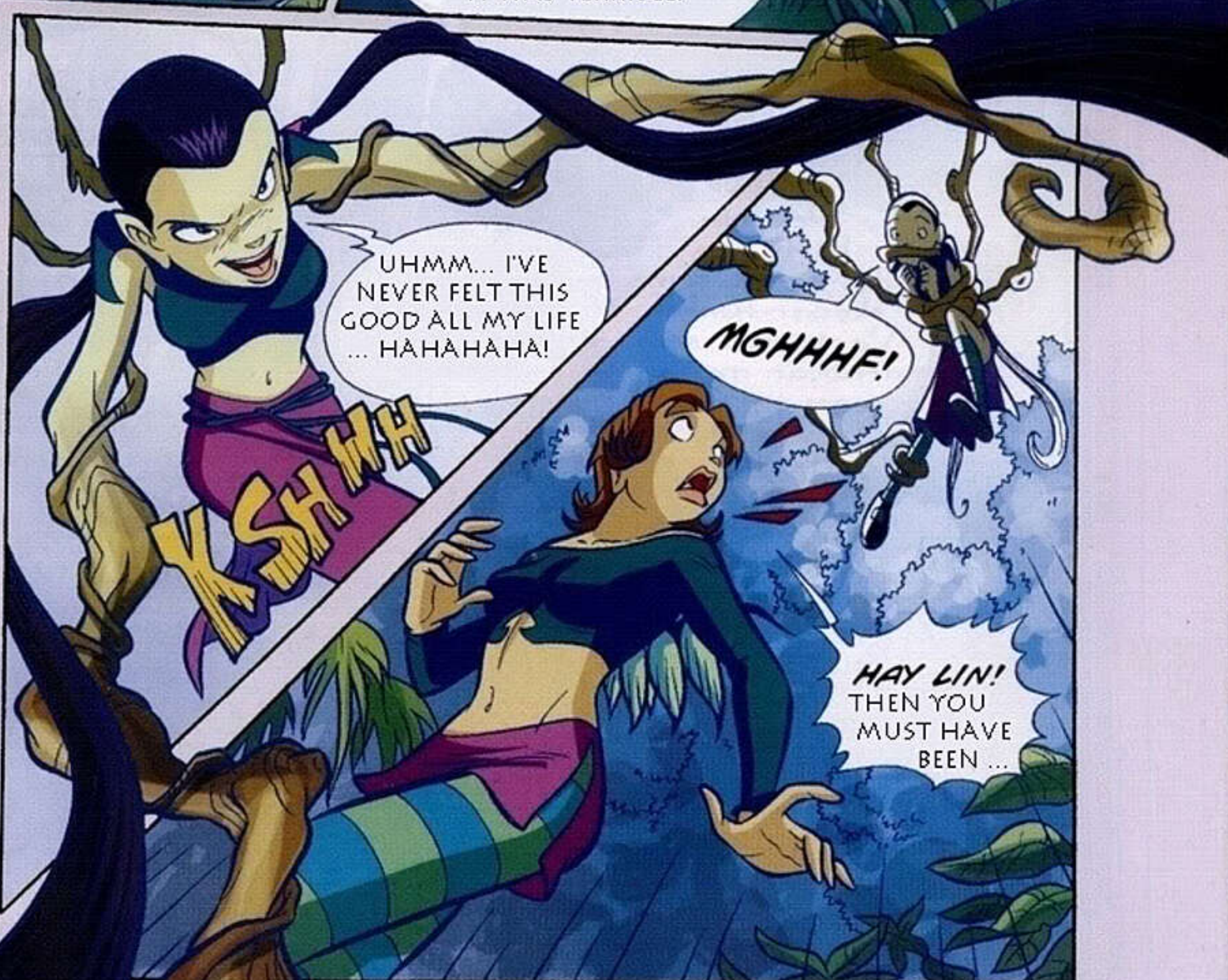
WELL, FOR A TEST, THIS ISN'T SO BAD! WE CAN LAY DOWN AND SUNBATHE WHILE WAITING FOR SOMETHING TO HAPPEN!

WHAT DO YOU THINK COULD HAPPEN IN THIS PARADISE?

THIS PLACE IS TERRIBLY HOT. IF I HAD A BATHING SUIT I'D JUMP RIGHT IN! I MAY NO LONGER HAVE THE POWER OF WATER...

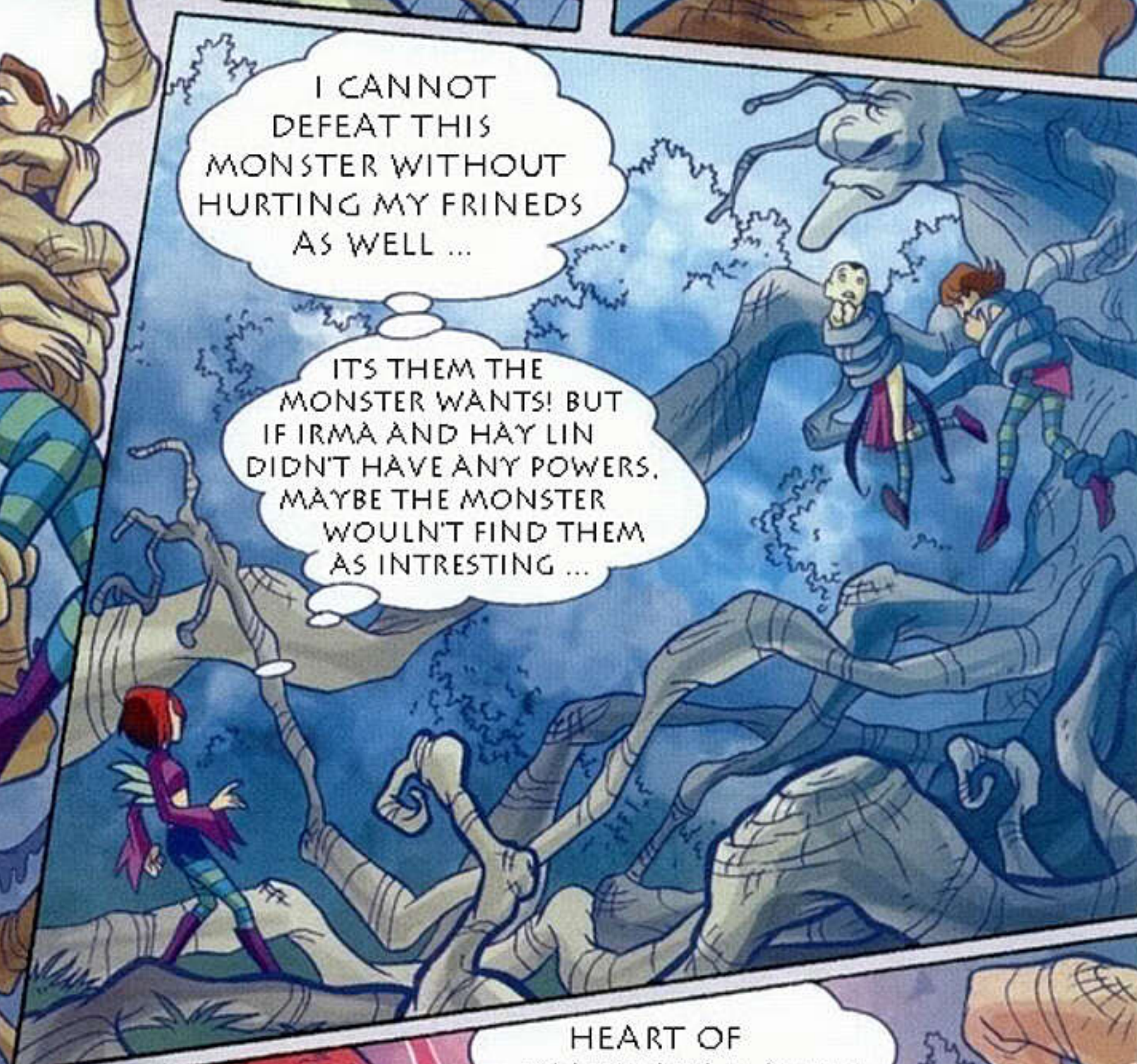
... BUT I CAN STILL KEEP MYSELF FLOATING!

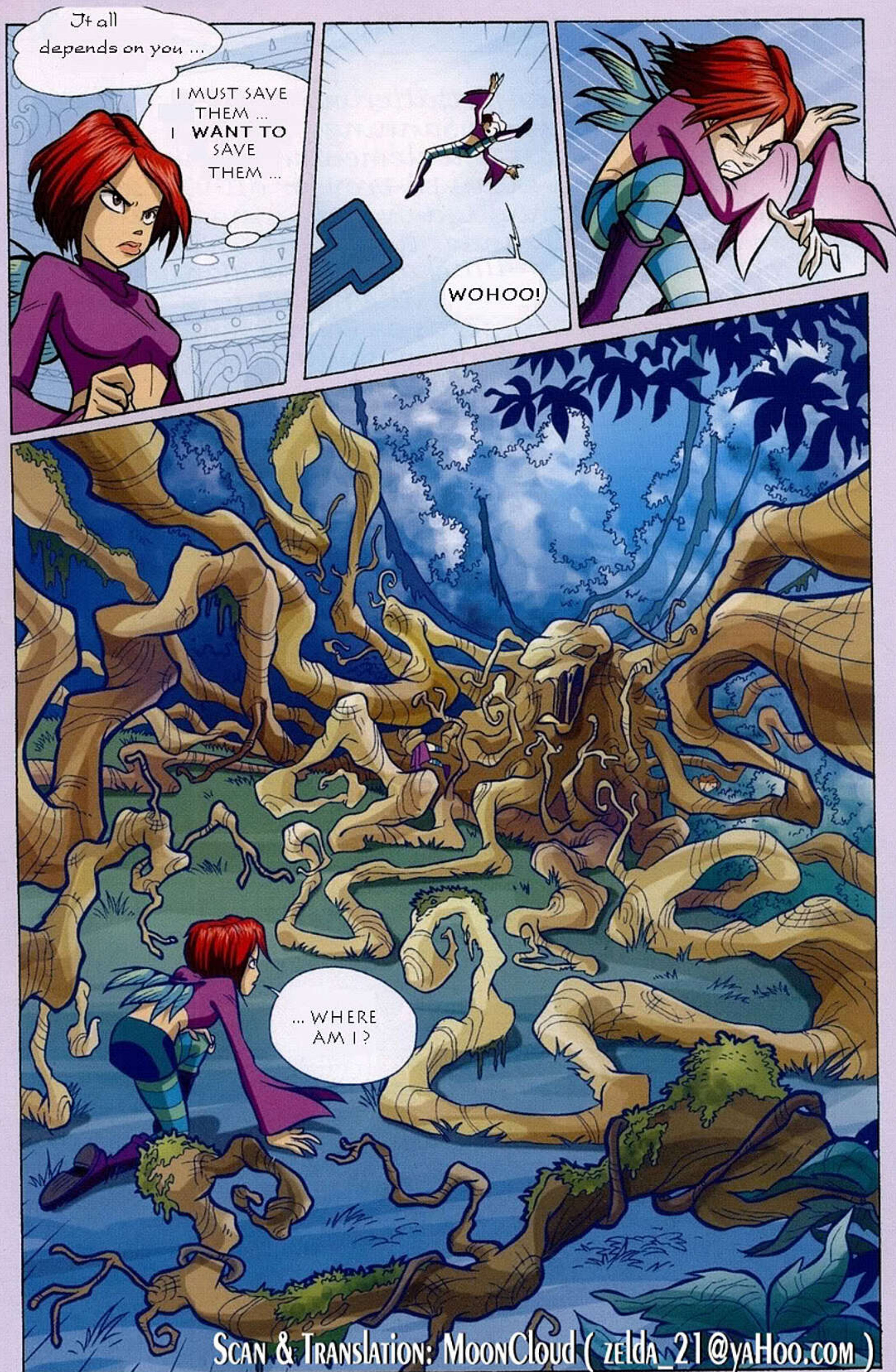
HELP! THAT'S ... ME!

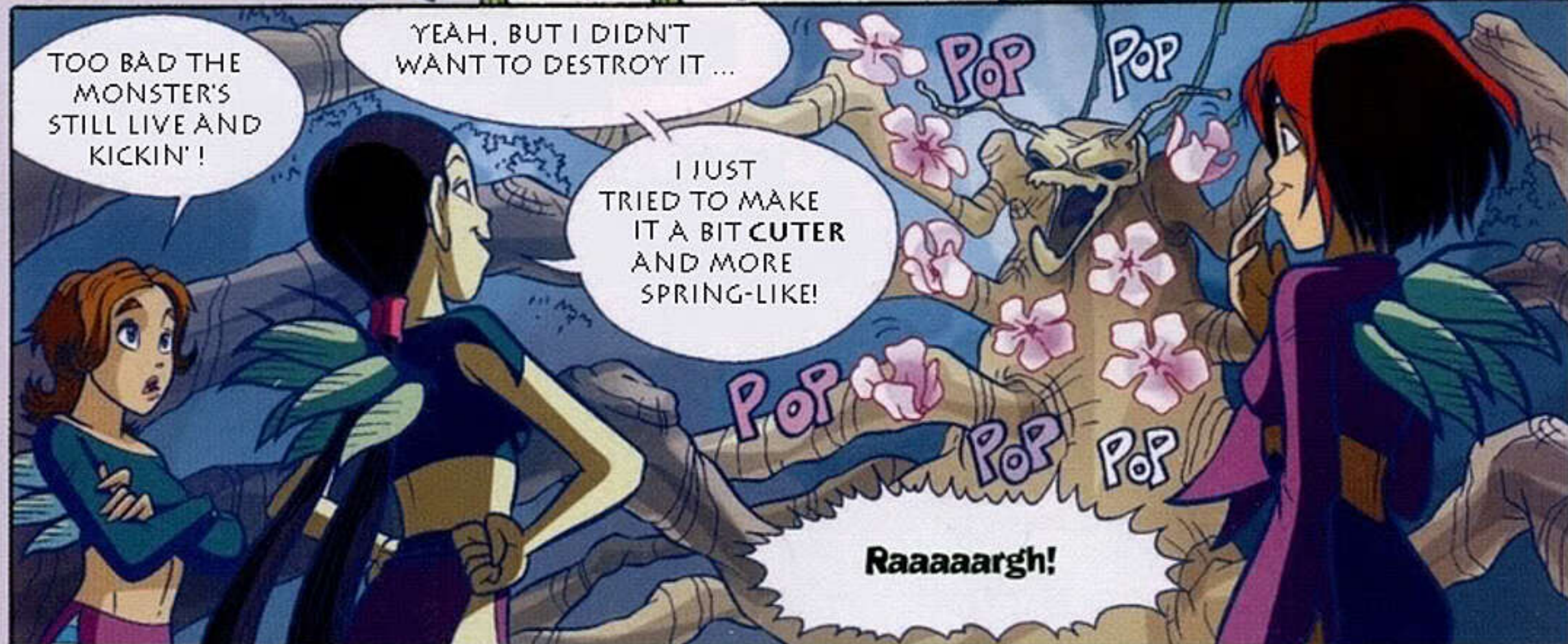








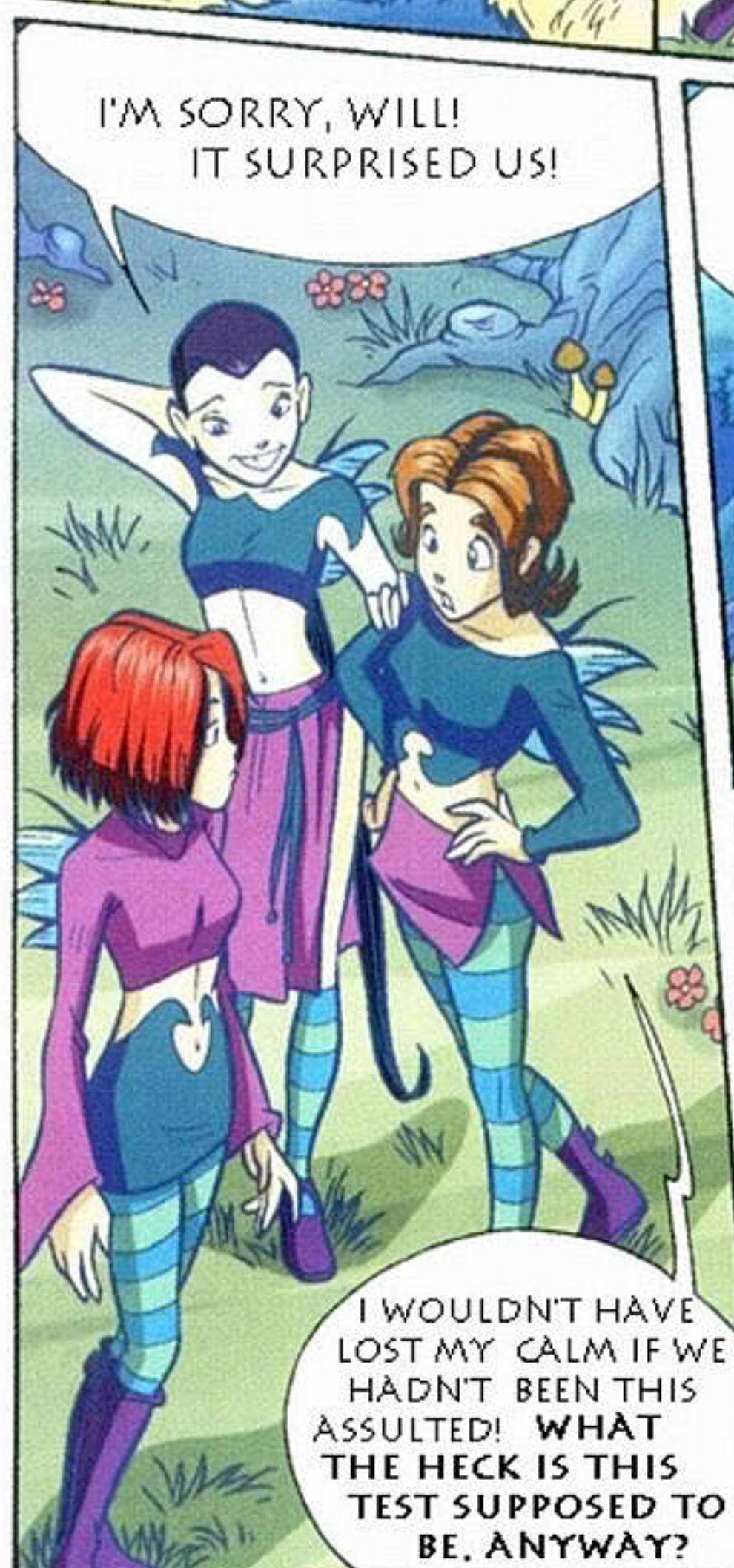
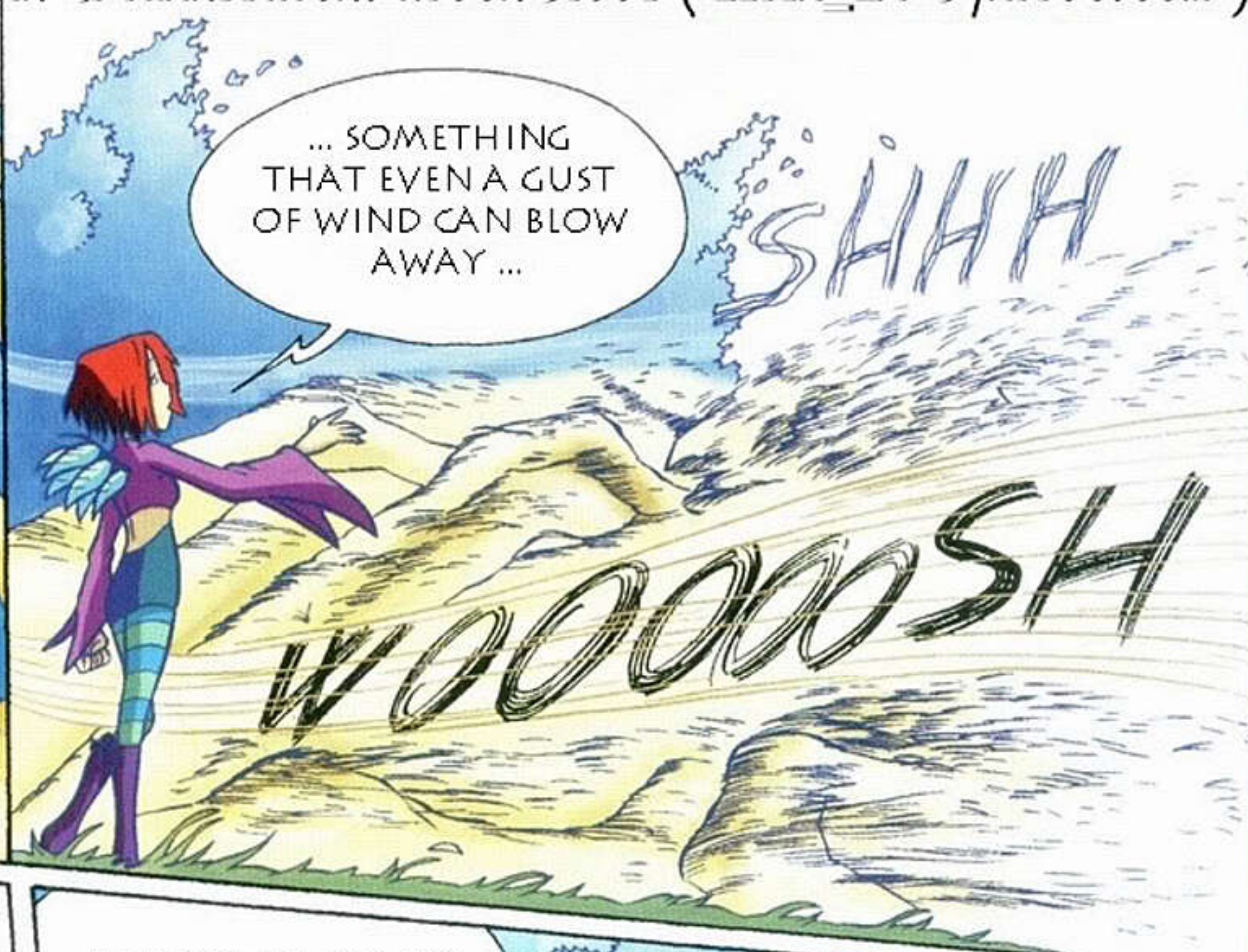






CONTROL IT, IRMA! OPEN YOUR EYES! SEE WHAT'S IN FRONT OF YOU! IT'S NO USE...





" ... A REAL BATTLE CRY!
SOMETHING LIKE ... HERE
COMES THE WITCHES! "

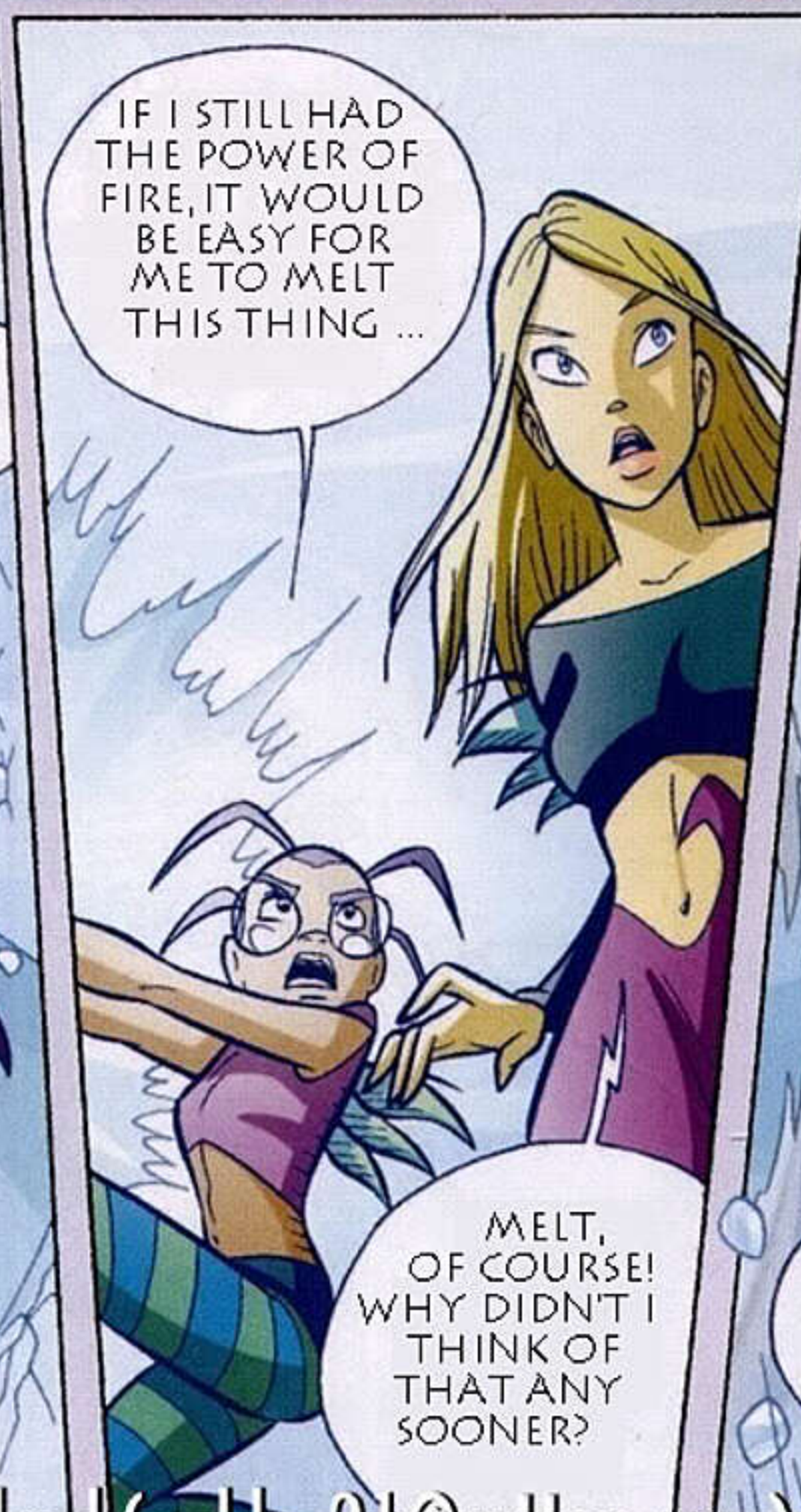
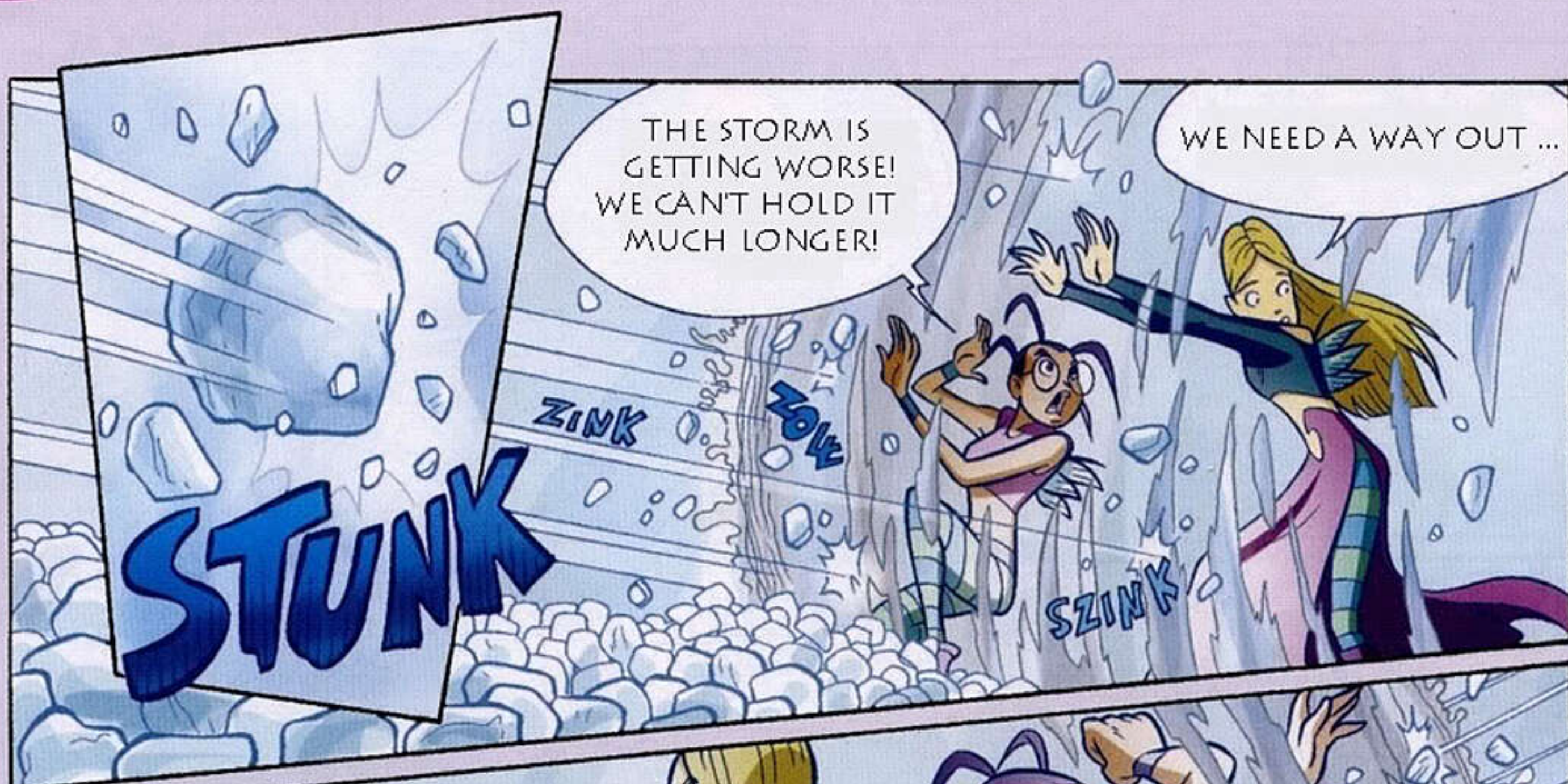




ARE... ARE WE THROUGH?
ARE WE INSIDE OF
CORNELIAS AND TARANEES
PICTURE YET?

MORE OR LESS,
HAY LIN.

MORE OR
LESS!





OH, NO!

THE
TOWER IS
ABOUT TO
COLLAPSE!



HELP!

Will!



WE HAVE TO DO
SOMETHING! WE HAVE
TO GET THEM OUT
OF THERE!

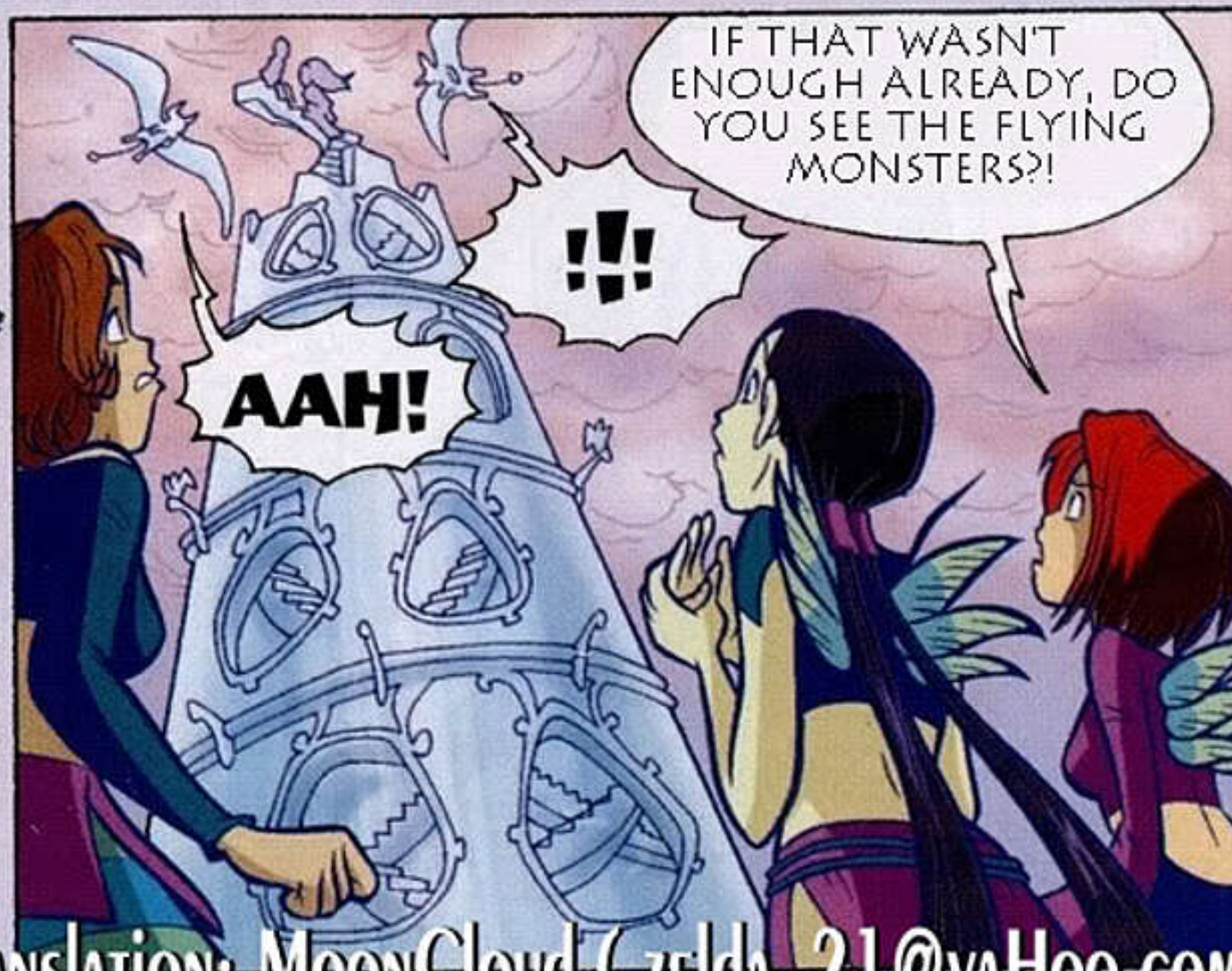
WHERE ARE YOU
GOING IF WE DON'T
KNOW WHERE TO PUT
OUR FEET? WE'RE
BLOCKED HERE!



IF THAT WASN'T
ENOUGH ALREADY, DO
YOU SEE THE FLYING
MONSTERS?!

AAH!

!!!



THE MONSTERS HAS COME TO LIFE!

I'VE NOTICED! REMEMBER ME TO THANK THE ORACLE FOR THIS LITTLE JOKE ...

... IF WE'LL EVER SEE HIM AGAIN!

SHZAP

SHZAP

WZINK

WZINK

SHZAP

SHZAP

WE HAVE TO HELP CORNELIA AND TARANEE!

SHA-ZAX

Fwooom

Fwooom

LET'S WARM UP THOSE ICE STICKS!

UHNFI! IT'S US THEY'RE AFTER!

DID YOU THINK THERE WAS SOMEONE ELSE THEY WERE AFTER?

AH!

SHZAP

SHZAP

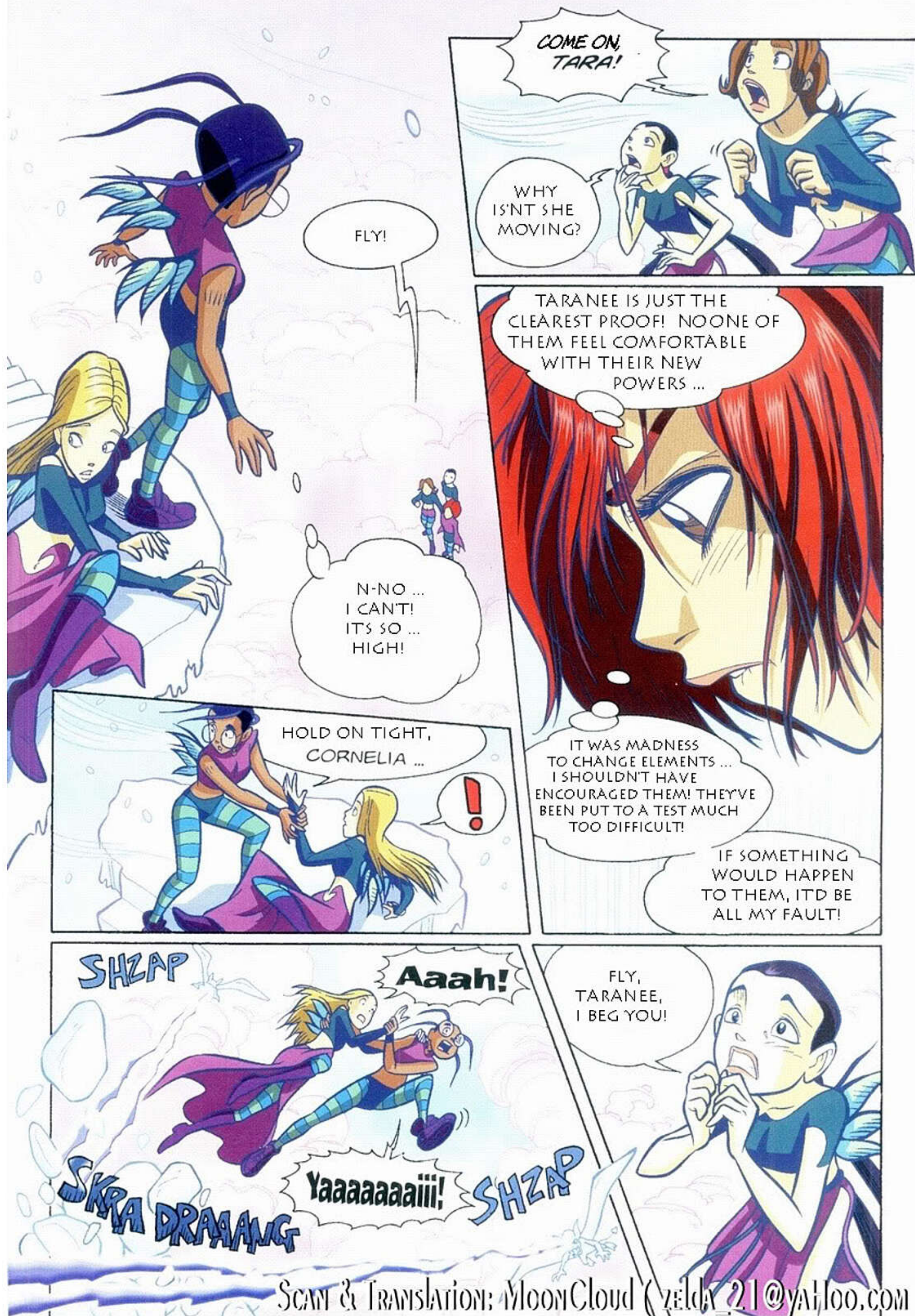
FLY, TARANEE!

Fwooom

Fwooom

IF THEY STAY THERE, THEY WON'T STAND A CHANCE!

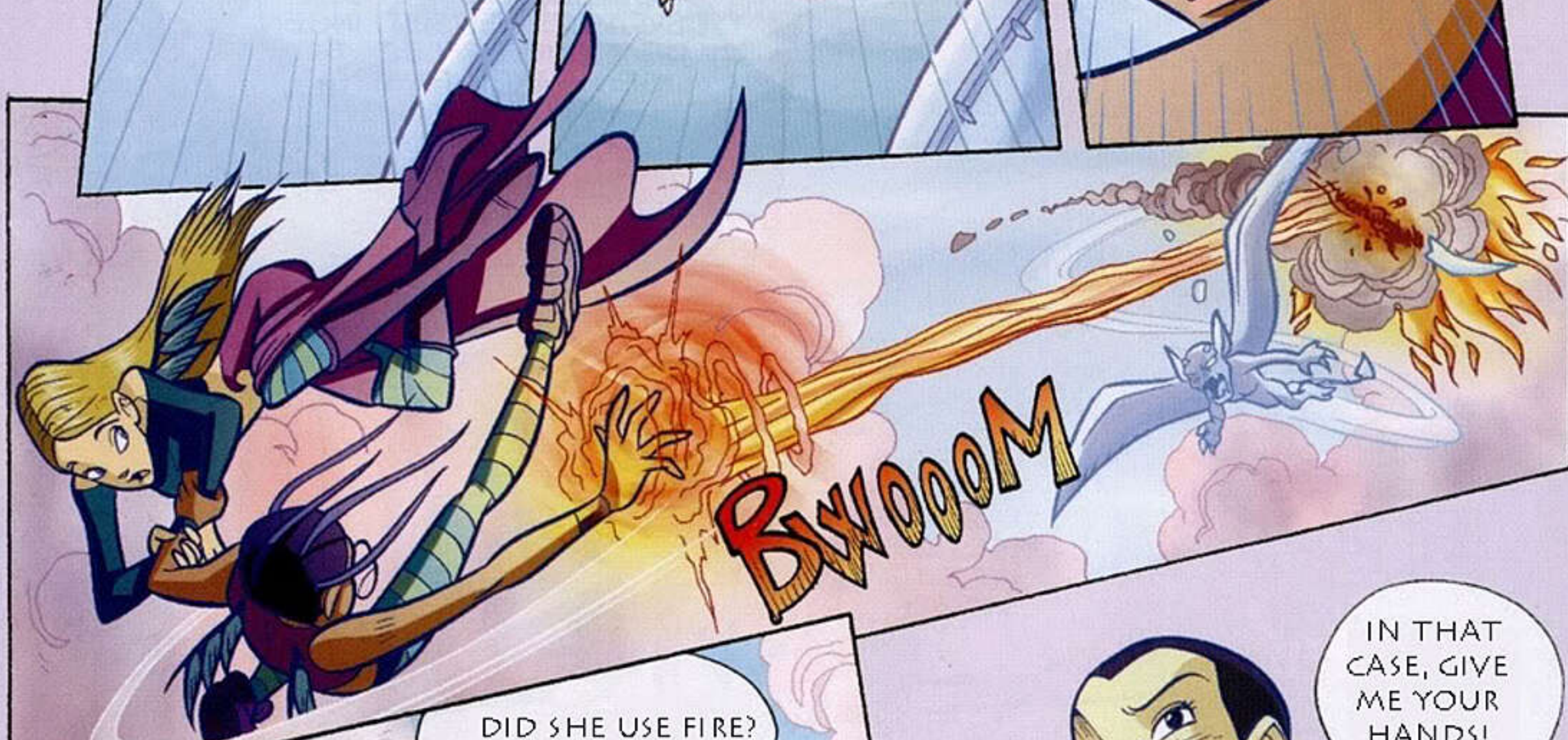
TARANEE CAN FLY! WHY AREN'T THEY LEAVING?



N-NO ...

NO ...

NOOOOOOO!



DID SHE USE FIRE?
BUT THAT
MEANS ...

... WE GOT
OUR ORIGINAL
POWERS BACK!

OR MAYBE
YOU NEVER
LOST THEM IN
THE FIRST
PLACE!

IN THAT
CASE, GIVE
ME YOUR
HANDS!

FASTEN
YOUR
SEAT BELTS !

GIIRLS!

WE'RE
COMING,
CORNELIA!

SHRZZZK

I DO WHAT I CAN,
BUT ... YOU'RE
AWFULLY HEAVY!

GOTCHA!

YOW!

TAKE US TO
SAFETY NOW, HAY
LIN! THE ICE TOWER
WON'T LAST MUCH
LONGER!

CATCH

KRRRRANK

KRRRRRUMBLE

IT'S
FALLING!

WE'RE STILL
TOO CLOSE!
STAY AWAY,
HAY LIN!

NOW!

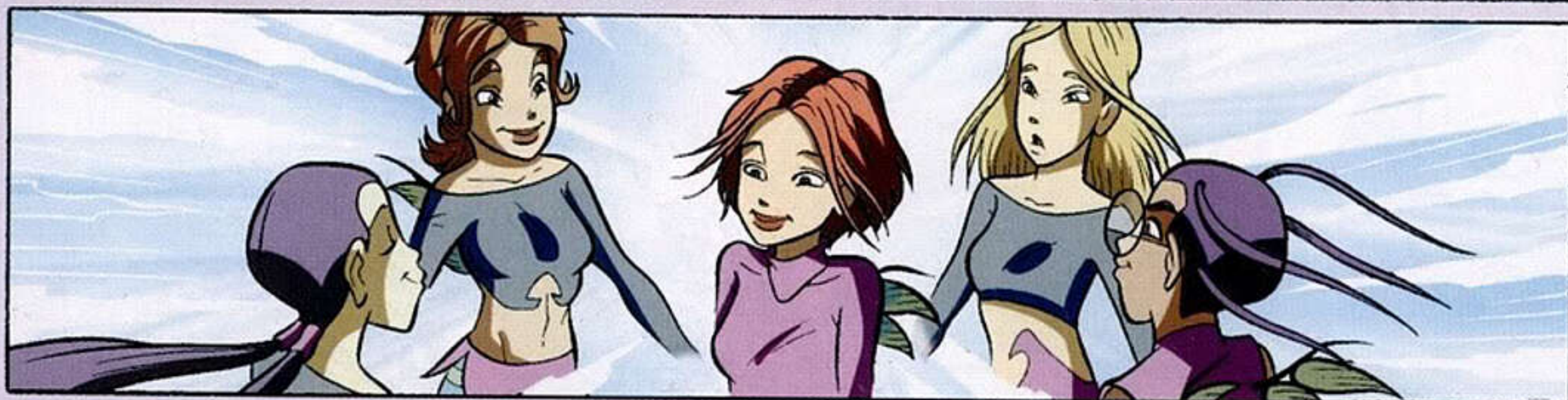
JUST FOR A
MOMENT, THE
W.I.T.C.H-GIRLS
REACT, LIKE A UTITY,
AND MERGE
THEIR POWERS.

LET'S FORM
A SHIELD,
GIRLS!
WE USE ALL OF
OUR POWERS
TOGETHER!

ENERGIES AS OLD AS TIME
ARE BEING PUSHED TOWARDS
EACHOTHER INTO A FUSION ...

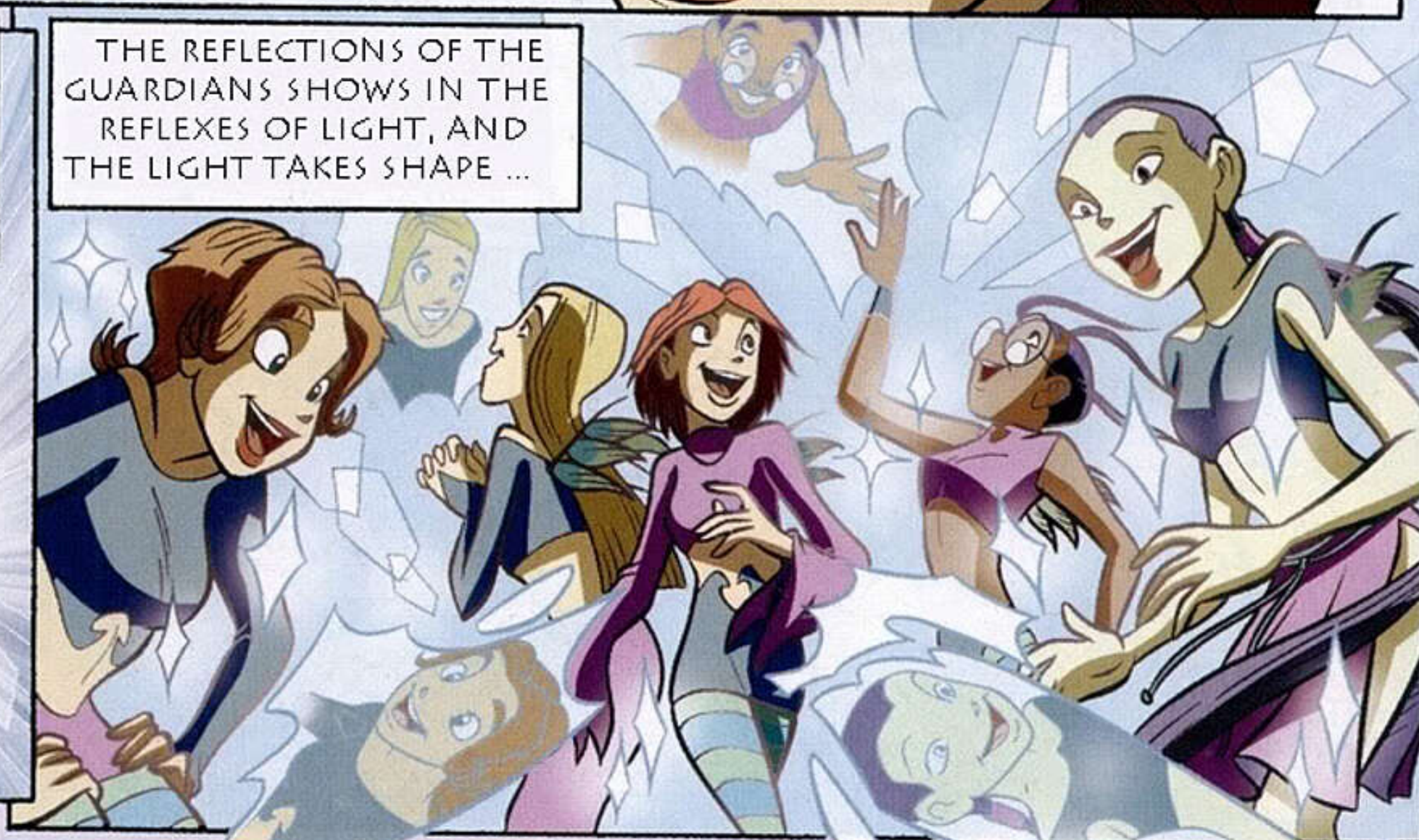


THE ORIGINAL ELEMENTS
RELEASES ITS POWER AND
SHINES LIKE A LITTLE STAR ...



AND SO, THE HEART
OF KANDRAKAR
SHINES AGAIN,
BRILLIANT AS
NEVER BEFORE!

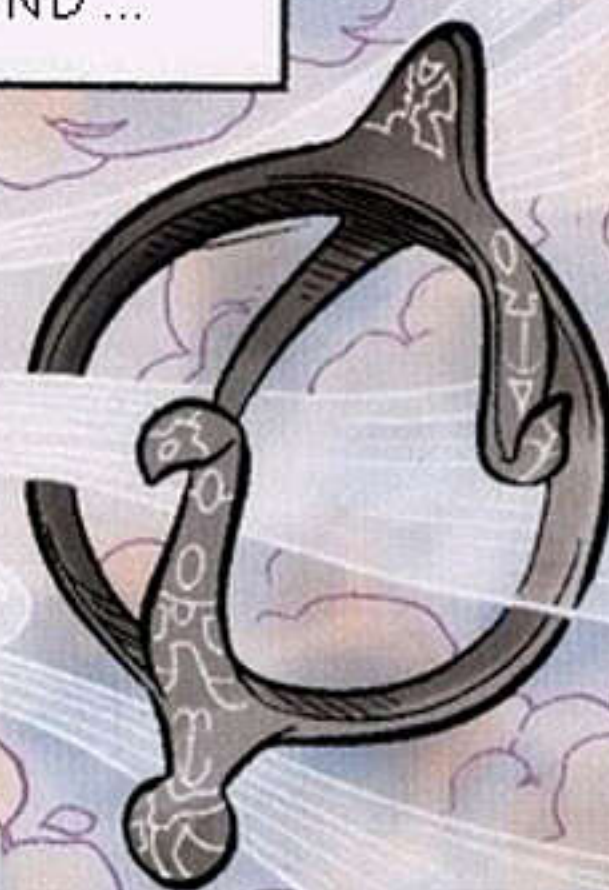
THE REFLECTIONS OF THE
GUARDIANS SHOWS IN THE
REFLEXES OF LIGHT, AND
THE LIGHT TAKES SHAPE ...



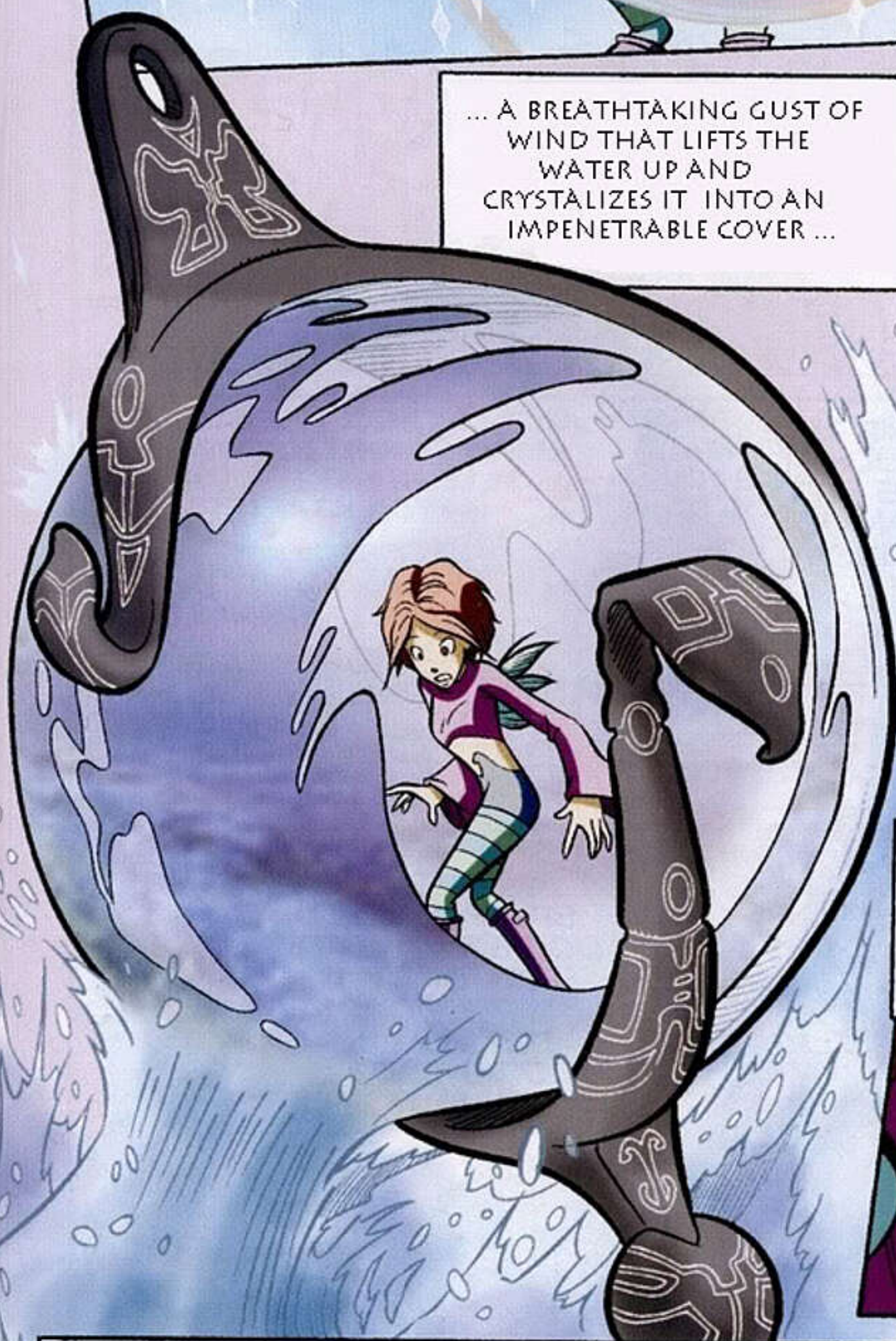
THE ELEMENTS
DANCES AROUND
WILL! FIRE AND
EARTH ARE BEING
MIXED AND
BECOMES AN
INDESTRUCTIBLE
METAL ...



... THAT HAS BEEN CREATED
FROM THE HEAT IN AN
ETERNAL FLAME THAT
FLICKERS SLIGHTLY IN AN
ICEY GUST OF WIND ...



... A BREATHTAKING GUST OF
WIND THAT LIFTS THE
WATER UP AND
CRYSTALIZES IT INTO AN
IMPENETRABLE COVER ...



HERE WE HAVE THE SHIELD.
THE BASTION, THIS IS HOW THE
ORNAMENT WAS ARISED.

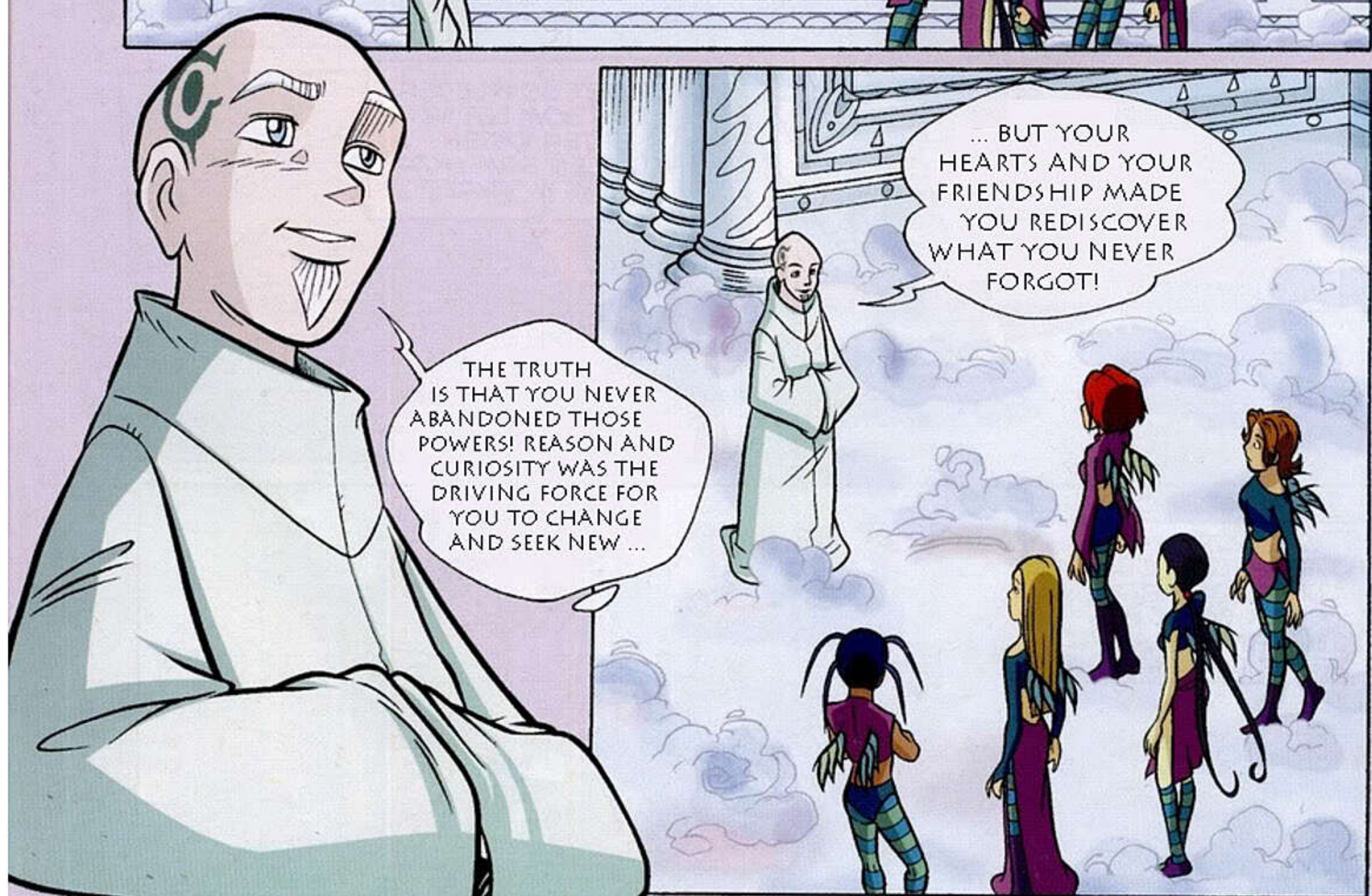
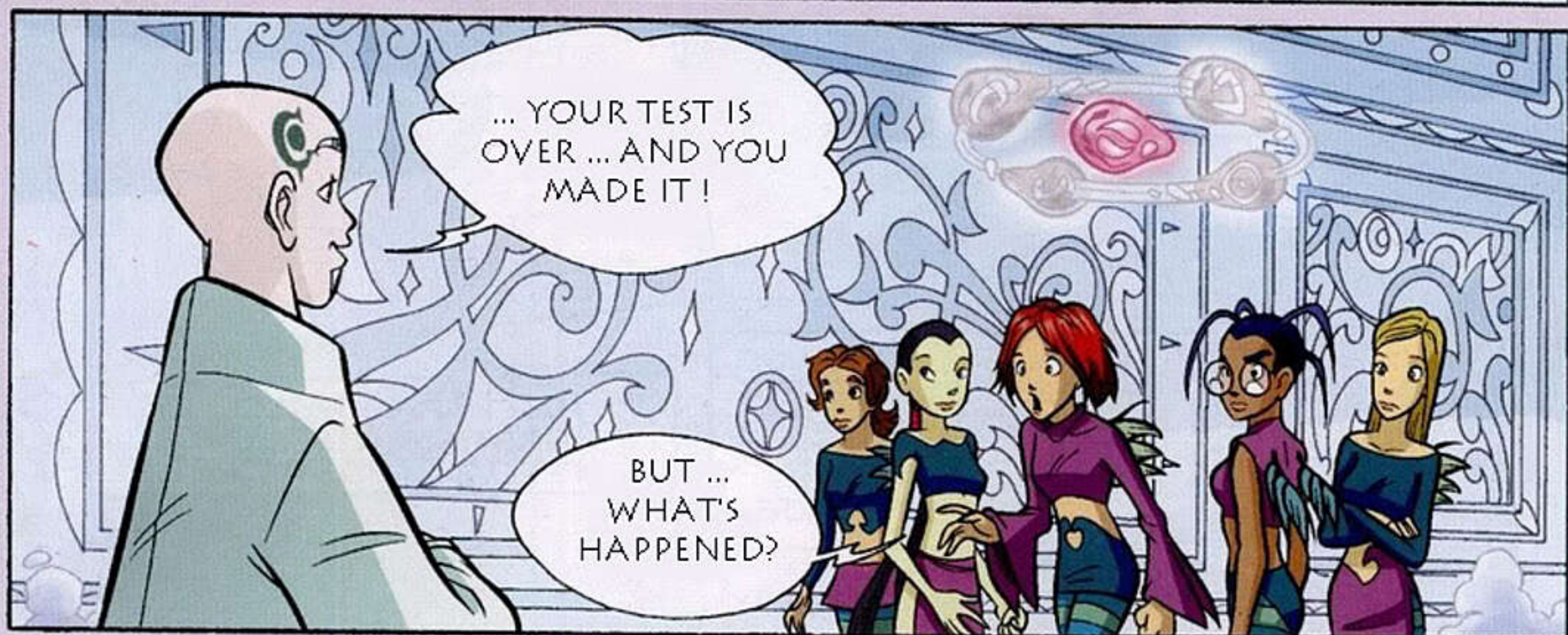
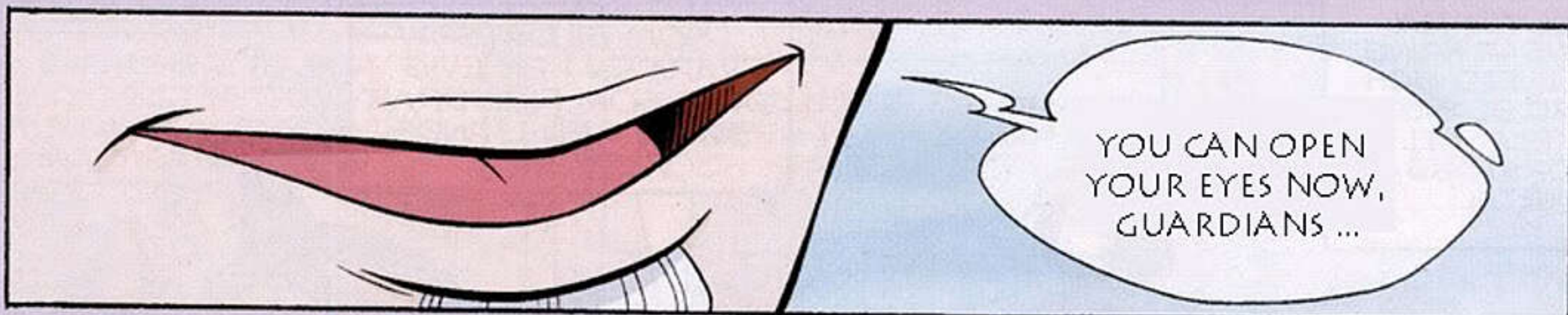


THE LIGHT WHICH
GUIDES THE ONE WHO'S
LOOKING FOR THE WAY.
THE BEAM WHICH
CUTS THROUGH
THE DARK ...



... THE HEART OF
KANDRAKAR. AND BY
COMPLETING THESE TESTS,
THE W.I.T.C.H.-GIRLS HAVE
PROVED THAT THEY ARE
THE CHOSEN ONES.





ACTUALLY I
FEEL MORE
COMFORTABLE
WITH THE
EARTH ...

YEAH!
CHOOSING THE
POWER OF AIR WASN'T
SUCH A GOOD IDEA!

WHEN THE ROAD IS
MARKED OUT, YOU CAN
NOT ESCAPE YOUR OWN
DESTINY! MAY THE AURAL
DROPS SHINE AGAIN!

IRMA'S COURAGE! TARANEE'S
GENEROSITY! CORNELIA'S
WILLPOWER! HAY LIN'S
IMAGINATION ...

... AND YOU,
WILL! I'M SO
GLAD I CAN
COUNT ON FIVE
GUARDIANS LIKE
YOU!

FOR KANDRAKAR,
THIS IS TRUE HAPPINESS
AND A GREAT HONOR!

OH, I BET HE SAYS
THAT TO EVERYONE!

WELL, YOU'LL
NEVER KNOW!
RETURN SAFELY!

WAIT ...

... A MOMENT!

